To all those whom it concerns,

The Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire voted unanimously to pass the attached resolution expressing the belief that the work which the Title IX advisory council is undertaking is of the utmost importance and should be completed as quickly as possible. Moreover, the Student Senate believes that the recommended actions as presented by President Mark Huddleston to the council have not progressed sufficiently and on behalf of the student body the Senate feels the need to both convey this opinion formally and respectfully request for an expedited process.

Respectfully,
Gabriel Hoffman
Speaker of the University of New Hampshire Student Senate
Student Senate Resolution XXXVII – Concerning the Progress of the Title IX Initiative

Introduced by: Student Body President, Cameron Cook, Student Body Vice-President, Ryan Grogan, Community Development Council Chairperson, Matthew Reuter, Judicial Affairs Council Chairperson, Samuel Paris

Date: December 11th, 2015

Whereas, in March 2015, a report compiled by Attorney Wolowitz was released to the University System New Hampshire (USNH) community, regarding practices and policies surrounding the federal law referred to as Title IX, and

Whereas, in May 2015, President Mark Huddleston tasked Jaime Nolan, Associate Vice President of Community, Equity and Diversity, to take the recommended actions in the report, with an assembled council of Campus stakeholders, to implement them for the University of New Hampshire, and

Whereas, this council, known as the Title IX Advisory Council, has been meeting with the inherent goal of implementing the changes and working towards a campus that better responds to Title IX situations, and

Whereas, the Council has not made significant progress towards reaching the goals students have expressed to them, and

Whereas, improving the University’s Title IX practices is of the utmost importance to the students, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to propose the following changes and actions be taken to further UNH’s standing within the parameters of Title IX, and

Be it further resolved that the Student Senate is not currently satisfied with the progress of the Title IX Advisory Council and expects to see significant advancement on these fronts by the first scheduled meeting in February of Student Senate, and

- Advocates provided to every student who is sent through the Title IX system
- A basic information sheet (separate ones for Students, faculty and staff) regarding the Title IX process
- A message delivered to all UNH employees (minus the Counseling Center, SHARPP and Health Services)
- The initiation of a search for at least one deputy Title IX coordinator
- A link to offices involved in the Title IX Office linked on all of the stakeholder’s websites in prominent locations
Be it further resolved that all changes proposed here be implemented by the end of the Academic year 2015-16.

Senate Action: Passes Unanimously
Speaker Verification: Gabriel Hoffman