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– budget proposal (coaches, rentals, costs, scholarships, fields)

SR: SP-95-105

A STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ADD SOCCER TO THE CURRENT FEMALE VARSITY SPORTS OFFERED

WHEREAS Title IX guidelines recommend the ratio of male to female athletes participating in college athletics should reflect the population of that college, **AND**

WHEREAS The composition of the Northeastern University population is such that approximately 57% are male and 43% are female,[1] **AND**

WHEREAS The composition of Northeastern University varsity athletes, as approximated by the Athletic Department, is such that 65% are male and 35% are female, **AND**

needs to be proportionate to pop. therefore need to give more scholarships to women.

WHEREAS There are currently ten female varsity sports teams and twelve male varsity sports teams offered through the Athletic Department, **AND**

WHEREAS The Women's Intercollegiate Sports Needs and Interests Study, conducted by the Athletic Department in conjunction with the Office of Institutional Research, surveyed 1000 Northeastern University female students, **AND**

WHEREAS The survey found that soccer, softball, crew, volleyball, and skiing, ranked as the top five sports of interest by the 514 female participants, **AND**

WHEREAS The addition of one or more female varsity sports teams would bring the ratio of student athletes to approximately 60% male and 40% female, thereby putting Northeastern University more closely in accordance with Title IX guidelines, **AND**

WHEREAS Of the five sports ranked of highest interest, two of them; women's crew and volleyball, are currently offered as varsity sports, **AND**

WHEREAS Women's soccer is currently offered through the Athletic Department as a Club Sport, and could easily move up to varsity level and be cost effective, **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That the Athletic Department continue its pursuit of gender equity by establishing a women's varsity soccer team, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

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[1] from census data collected by the Northeastern University Registrar's Office

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RESOLVED that The soccer team be established in sufficient time to compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association by the Fall of 1996.

Respectfully submitted with the approval of the Student Affairs Committee,

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Vice President for Student Affairs

Matt Guarrera
Senator
Interfraternity Council

Date: _____

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Daniel E. Bernal
President

Vote: Yea 21
Nay 0
Abstain 1

Attest: _____
Chris Schoeneberger
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