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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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A STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PERMANENTLY REINSTATE THE WOMEN'S GYMNASTIC PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Women's Gymnastics Program was ECAC Champions in the Spring of 1996, **AND**

WHEREAS, The Women's Gymnastics' Team was cut from Northeastern's Athletic Program in the Spring of 1996, **AND**

WHEREAS, As a result of Undergraduate Student Enrollment for the Fall 1997, being 50% Men and 50% women*. Northeastern University is currently not in compliance with Title IX (which calls for gender equity in Intercollegiate sports.) Northeastern's non compliance resulted in the National Women's Law Center citing Northeastern University Athletic Department as of the Fall of 1997 as not fulfilling the requirements for compliance with Title IX. The Northeastern University Athletic Department has brought the Women's Gymnastics Program back for one year in an effort to comply with Title IX, **AND**

WHEREAS, The benefits of increased academic reputation and recognition are clear, there by attracting top-quality academic and athletic students, **AND**

WHEREAS, There is overwhelming student support (through petition) for the permanent retention of the Women Gymnastics program, **AND**

WHEREAS, Nine of Northeastern's athletic teams are in full support of the permanent retention of the Women Gymnastics Program, **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Women's Gymnastics Team of Northeastern University be permanently reinstated as a varsity sport under Northeastern's Athletic program, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the Women's Gymnastic Team be granted all of the privileges of an athletic team, including funding, an on-campus practice facility, and a coaching staff.

* Institutional Research

Respectfully submitted with the approval of the Student Affairs Committee,

Michael E Toole
Vice President for Student Affairs

Kristen Piscopiello
Senator, Arts and Sciences

Date: 2-5-98
Yea: 29
Nay: 1
Abstain: 3

Stacey A. Archfield
President

Attest: Michael Wilson
Vice President for Administration