**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY THE SMU ADMINISTRATION TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT MUTUAL RESPECT AND CONSENT**

*Whereas* the SMU community is committed to the health and well-being of all its members; and

*Whereas* sexual misconduct has been shown to be a problem on college campuses nationwide; and

*Whereas* research on sexual assault and lesser forms of sexual misconduct have demonstrated the pervasiveness and persistence of this problem in society; and

*Whereas* this research has also demonstrated the persistence of myths and false beliefs in the culture at large about what constitutes unwanted sexual contact, the prevalence and causes of sexual assault, and the real, often lasting harm that it does; and

*Whereas* it is incumbent upon college officials to educate students about these matters, and to encourage a climate in which sexual conduct is based upon respect and consent; and

*Whereas* it is important that students know where best to turn should they need to talk about an experience of sexual misconduct; and

*Whereas* it is essential that programming to students about sexual misconduct clearly communicate to all campus constituents which campus personnel are required to report incidents of sexual misconduct that come to their attention and which campus personnel are permitted to maintain confidentiality now therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the Faculty Senate expresses its strong support for the Division of Student Affairs in its efforts to increase and improve the programming relevant to sexual misconduct; and

that the Senate recommends, further, that all such relevant information be included in the student handbook.