



ASUWB

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R.8.5 A resolution in opposition of Callisto

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WHEREAS, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that receives federal funding; and

WHEREAS, under Title IX, discrimination on the basis of sex can include sexual harassment, rape, and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the University of Washington receives federal funding and is subject to the requirements of Title IX; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2017 Health and Wellness Campus Climate Survey, 29% of women, 12% of men, and 32% of gender diverse students at the University of Washington experienced an incident of sexual assault since enrollment for a total of nearly one-quarter of the overall UW student population reporting sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, while 69% of survivors indicated that they told someone about their assault, only a small percentage actually reported these incidents to a UW employee or office; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 90% of rapes are perpetrated by serial rapists, and identifying these individuals is a matter of campus safety; and

WHEREAS, perpetrators are more likely to commit sexual violence in communities where such actions go unpunished according to a 2004 study by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, so the way that the University responds to rape allegations can play a part in the proliferation of rapes and assaults on campus, and influence how students respond; and

WHEREAS, encouraging a prompt, trauma-informed survivor reporting strengthens accessibility to resources that aid the survivor in their path to recovery; and

WHEREAS, Callisto is a non-profit, online reporting mechanism for universities that uses a survivor-centric platform, available 24/7, to provide student survivors with a comprehensive list of options and empowers them to make the reporting decision that is right for them; and

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WHEREAS, Callisto gives survivors the opportunity to preserve evidence and write a secure record without immediately requiring them to submit an official report; and

WHEREAS, Callisto gives survivors the option to store information about their assailant under the precondition that it will only be released to the university if another survivor submits a report naming the same assailant; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 59% of campus sexual assaults could be eliminated if rapists were identified and stopped following their second offense; and

WHEREAS, Callisto Campus has made a documented positive impact in other higher education institutions, and offers solutions to problems inherent in both the crime of sexual assault and the reporting process; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is a marginalized issue nationwide and elevated problem at the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, as we have an obligation to support survivors in their plight for healing and justice by providing accessible reporting services and signaling a commitment to eradicate campus sexual assault;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOTHELL;

THAT, we do not stand in support of the implementation of Callisto across all three UW Campuses due to:

Since we last had an update on Callisto, our team conducted our individual research on Callisto by speaking to their reps over the phone, met with our Student Affairs office, and connected with subject matter experts on our campus who are a part of the Committee Against Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence (CASARV).

Our UWB stakeholders enabled an open Community discussion about Callisto on 2/1 open to the student body. Through these conversations, we've identified serious concerns and questions about Callisto impacting our students at UWB and potentially students across all three campuses.

These high level concerns and questions consist of:

- Why a reporting platform?
 - How does this fit with a commitment to culture change? Why reporting and not prevention or outreach and connection to resources?
 - Do we have a trauma-informed, supportive system for supporting survivors after matches are made?
 - Why Callisto? Why not some other intervention?
 - Other technology: What about focused on connection to resources
- Who are the stakeholders and how do they feel about Callisto?
 - Who holds commitments toward this program? Why this program? Why now? What was the process of selecting this program?
 - Who hasn't been included in this discussion? Why? How can we bring in more voices?
- Equity, Access, Inclusivity:
 - Who does this serve? Is Callisto used by multiply marginalized survivors? What data exists? What's the process of the roll out to address this concern across communities?
- What are the unintended consequences or misuse of Callisto?
 - How might people who are perpetrating harm abuse this platform? What misuses have occurred? What has been done to address potential concerns? How will UW craft policy to address these concerns if there is a match? How might the Title IX proposed regulation requiring full investigation if there is a match relate to Callisto (specifically if Title IX coordinator receives the match)?
- Callisto Sustainability?
 - Will there be a long term contract?
 - Product Concerns: What is the reliability of Callisto? What guarantees do we have that we can depend on it, that it will be around?
 - Funding concerns: Will this disappear in 3 years? If the admin pays, do they think they control it?
- Callisto Customizing?
 - Handling of match – What happens next? Why Title IX Coordinator? Not confidential, not trained in advocacy or crisis support. Why not advocate?
 - Policy concerns – how does customization occur, what policies will be put in place to ensure the institution does not change settings without student, survivor, and expert stakeholder input?
- How will tri-campus implementation be done?

- Who will be involved in deciding how Callisto is customized?
- How will students and **specifically survivors** be engaged in making decisions about how this would be customized?
- Timing and timeline moving forward?
 - Going forward what is the timeline for implementation?
 - What are the current goals and timelines?
- Communication across student governments:
 - Going forward how will Bothell be engaged differently in the future?
 - How can we do better? In tri-campus communication, in expert engagement?

Furthermore, Valery Richardson the Title IX Coordinator informed us that Callisto will no longer offer their services to additional universities at this time. This will be confirmed further at the 2/27 UW Stakeholder meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;

THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to UW President Ana Mari Cauce, UWB Chancellor Wolf Yeigh, UW Student Regent Kaitlyn Zhou, UWB Dean of Student Affairs Tim Wilson, UWB Associate Dean of Student Affairs Emily Christian, Title IX Coordinator Valery Richardson, Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Activists Director Chloe San Clemente Thompson, and Student Technology Fee Committee Chair Aaron Yared.

Adopted on: 21 Day of 02 Month 2019 Year

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