

Resolution in Support of Student Demonstrations Against Gun Violence

Adopted by unanimous vote of the UB Faculty Senate and UB Professional Staff Senate at a Joint Special Meeting, March 6, 2018

Whereas, gun violence at high school and college campuses is becoming all too common;

Whereas, local, state and federal legislators have been slow to address issues of student, faculty and staff safety;

Whereas, following the Parkland High School shooting students have taken the lead to demand improved gun safety and mental health care;

Whereas, high school and college students, including those at UB, will walk out of class on March 14, 2018, for 17 minutes to honor the victims of the Parkland shooting;

Whereas, over 260 colleges nationally have stated that there will be no negative consequences taken against prospective applicants whose records indicate they were penalized for taking part in a non-violent demonstration against gun violence;

Whereas, student representative on the UB Council Mike Brown reported to the Council on March 5, 2018, that UB students request that instructors not take punitive action against students who wish to participate in the March 14 walkout during class;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the UB Faculty Senate and the Professional Staff Senate stand in solidarity with our students who will be demonstrating against gun violence and honoring the victims of Parkland High School; and

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate and the Professional Staff Senate encourage instructors to take no punitive measures against students who wish to participate in the March 14 walkout.