

SENATE RESOLUTION

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TITLE	Implementing Campus Safety Escort Service with Women's Resource Center

WHEREAS, the Campus Safety Escort Service program is currently managed by the Women's Resource Center. [The escort services can assist by accompanying a student to their desired location on campus;](#)

WHEREAS, The Campus Safety Escort Service begun during the [1974-1975 academic year following a "campus assault"](#) at the UC Riverside Campus;

WHEREAS, the Campus Safety Escort Service started as a [student driven initiative by UC Riverside students and Aberdeen-Inverness residents to walk their fellow peers across campus at night](#);

WHEREAS, the Campus Safety Escort Service experienced disruption linked to campus closure directives linked to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, there are currently [26,809](#) total students on campus, and when students are in unsafe situations they are susceptible to high levels of anxiety that may impede on their level of academic success;

WHEREAS, Students using CSES have expressed increased comfort to the familiarity and peer support the service provides and because they're being assisted by unarmed volunteers;

WHEREAS, the CSES would also provide ease of use with transportation for students across campus;

WHEREAS, the University of California Irvine (UCI) also has a [Community Safety Ambassador Program](#), a student-employed part-time job where students are trained, given promotion opportunities, and have a starting salary of \$15.50/hour;

WHEREAS, the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) uses the [CSO Safety Escorts](#), a free service provided for students 24/7, with student officers trained and equipped with digital radios to contact police dispatch;

WHEREAS, the University of California Riverside (UCR) is the only University of California campuses that operates its Campus Safety Escort Service in the Women's Resource Center;

WHEREAS, about a quarter of UC students, faculty and staff reported that they had experienced some [exclusionary, intimidating or offensive situations](#) on campus and [9%](#) said that had interfered with their abilities to study or work, and about [6%](#) of undergraduate students said they experienced some unwanted sexual contact in the last five years;

WHEREAS, across all UC students and employees, [4%](#) of women and [1%](#) of men reported rape or some form of unwanted, forced fondling or the use of drugs to incapacitate them;

WHEREAS, only about [84%](#) of white students and faculty said they were comfortable in their classes compared to about [74%](#) for blacks, Latinos, Asians, and Native American students;

WHEREAS, about [76%](#) of Muslim students and faculty reported feeling comfortable or very so in classrooms, which is below the [78%](#) for Christians and [84%](#) for Jews;

WHEREAS, in the later hours students can fall victim to assault, robbery, kidnapping, harassment, and many more unsafe situations as they have to walk alone;

Now, therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, That The Associated Students of UC Riverside -

- (1) *Let it be Resolved*, that ASUCR fully supports this service in terms of funding \$7000 to support the implementation of the Campus Safety Escort Service;
- (2) *Let it be Further Resolved*, that ASUCR urges Chancellors to fund this program long-term;
- (3) *Let It Be Further Resolved*, that the WRC and ASUCR liaisons selected from VPCIA and Personnel will hold quarterly collaboration/budget meetings;
- (4) *Let It Finally Be Resolved*, that the ASUCR offices are encouraged to collaborate with the Women's Resource Center to market and promote the campaign using social media, public postings, and other forms of communication to raise awareness of the reinstatement of the Campus Safety Escort Service on campus and to recruit more volunteers;

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