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The Student Senate 69th Session Texas A&M University

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The Student Activities Diversity Module Bill

"A bill requesting for the finalization of the diversity training module for student leaders through Student Activities at Texas A&M"

Whereas(1): Texas A&M University's Department of Student Activities has committed the past year to the establishment and development of a student leader training

module modeled after Difficult Dialogues training; and,

Whereas(2): The training, through cooperation with other entities through student affairs, has

been designed and is currently in the process of finalization and approval; and,

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Whereas(3): Currently, in order for a university recognized organization to maintain its status of recognition, the chief student leader and treasurer of the respective organization must annually complete a series of mandatory online training modules; and,

Whereas(4): Upon completion of the trainings by those two officers, the organization is able to maintain its university recognized status; and,

Whereas(5): The diversity module is designed to mirror Difficult Dialogues training but in an online form, and will approximately be three hours long; and,

Whereas(6): The module will be mandatory and will be additionally required with the trainings already mandated and available through Student Activities; and,

Whereas(7): There are plans in place for implementation of and publication onto the Student Activities website, contingent on final approval, for early spring 2017; and,

Whereas(8): Diversity education and awareness is in increasing demand by students on campus, and offers student leaders an opportunity to expand their horizons toward making their organizations more inclusive and also, in turn, contributing as a whole to campus civility.

Therefore Let it be

Enacted(1): The Student Senate, in support of increasing diversity education and awareness for student leaders through Student Activities organizations, requests for the confirmed finalization of the mandatory diversity training module by April 2017; and,

Let it be Further

Enacted(2): A copy of this bill be sent to:

Dr. Daniel Pugh, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Christine A. Stanley, Vice President and Associate Provost of Diversity

Dr. Jennifer Reyes, Director for Assessment and Diversity Initiatives

Christine Gravelle, Director of Student Activities

Cynthia A. Olvera, Student Activities

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