



GSA Bill #6

A bill authorizing GSA support for UNL-wide efforts for gender equity and sexual violence prevention.

1 **WHEREAS**, the current efforts of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL)ⁱ, the
2 University of Nebraska Systemⁱⁱ, and our partners at other BIG10 institutionsⁱⁱⁱ for gender equity
3 and sexual violence prevention, in the year following the 50th anniversary of the Title IX
4 enactment, require strengthening^{iv}; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, we applaud UNL in striving to welcome ‘non-traditional’ students to our
7 campus^v and acknowledge the existence and progress in creating campus-wide lactation rooms^{vi},
8 we also point to the scarce number of them present within the UNL campuses; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the existence and progress in creating campus-wide
11 gender-neutral restrooms^{vii} equipped to reach the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1999
12 standards^{viii}; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, security and safety are a top priority at UNL^{ix}; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, we notice the progress of the university in response to and prevention of
17 sexual harassment^x; and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, the Title IX Office does tremendous work in making our campus more
20 equitable^{xi}.
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22 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we call upon the UNL community to deepen
23 efforts for gender equity and sexual violence prevention; and,
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25 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we call for each major building on campus to be
26 situated within 1,000 feet of a lactation room; and,
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28 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we call for campus-wide access to menstrual care
29 products and gender inclusive restrooms to fill all gaps in current campus equity maps, especially
30 in the time of economic struggle the United States finds itself, having in mind the graduate
31 student population’s vulnerability to economic hurdles and inflation, with gender minorities in a
32 position of intersectional precarity; and,
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34 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we call for more vital collaboration between UNL
35 and Lincoln Municipal Government in ensuring the replacement of malfunctioning lighting that
36 currently affects the comfort and safety of the UNL community in areas adjacent to UNL
37 campuses; and,
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39 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we call on strategic planning to install safety



40 kiosks throughout UNL walkways to improve UNL student safety and prompt access to Campus
41 Police and other appropriate support resource; and,
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43 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** we stress the importance of familiarizing the
44 graduate student population with the resources available to them as potential victims and
45 gatekeepers of sexual misconduct and harassment; and,
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47 **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** the GSA acknowledges the
48 aforementioned postulates as the roadmap for our UNL community to ensure a safer and more
49 gender-inclusive community.

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ⁱ Chancellor’s Commission on the Status of Gender and Sexual Identities. (n.d.). University of Nebraska-Lincoln. <https://ccsgsi.unl.edu/> ; Chancellor’s Commission on the Status of Women. (n.d.). University of Nebraska-Lincoln. <https://ccsw.unl.edu/> ; Current Efforts | Chancellor’s Commission on the Status of Women. (n.d.). University of Nebraska-Lincoln. <https://ccsw.unl.edu/current-efforts/> .

ⁱⁱ Gender Diversity. (n.d.). University of Nebraska System. <https://nebraska.edu/offices-policies/diversity-access-inclusion/gender-diversity/> .

ⁱⁱⁱ Tegtmeier, J. M. (2021). Five Decades of Gender Equity in College Sports: Contrasting Cases of Title IX Compliance at Big-Time, Big Ten Programs. Timm, A. (2022, February 28). Big Ten, NCAA exploring new steps to further gender equity. News Nebraska. <https://nebraskanewsservice.net/sports/big-ten-ncaa-exploring-new-steps-to-further-gender-equity/>

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^v Non-Traditional Students | Graduate Connections. (n.d.). University of Nebraska-Lincoln. <https://graduate.unl.edu/connections/non-traditional-students/> .

^{vi} Lactation Rooms and Spaces | Human Resources | Nebraska. (n.d.). University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



<https://hr.unl.edu/lactation-rooms-and-spaces/> .

^{vii} Gender Inclusive Restrooms Map. (n.d.). University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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^{viii} Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, 104 Stat. 328 (1990).

^{ix} University Police. (n.d.). University of Nebraska-Lincoln. <https://police.unl.edu/> .

^x Chancellor’s Commission to Prevent Sexual Misconduct. (n.d.). University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Retrieved February 28, 2023, from <https://sexualmisconduct.unl.edu/> .

^{xi} Title IX and Sexual Misconduct | Institutional Equity and Compliance. (n.d.). University of Nebraska-Lincoln. <https://www.unl.edu/equity/title-ix> .