

Wichita State University

Student Government Association

60th Session of the Student Senate

TITLE: R-60-009: Addressing the Las Vegas Shooting and its Implications on Public Safety

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- 1 WHEREAS the 60th Session Senate of the Student Government Association is compelled
2 to address the largest modern day mass shooting in America which occurred on October 1st,
3 2017 in Las Vegas at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, killing at least 50 people and
4 injuring over 500 more; and
- 5 WHEREAS Under Nevada law, N.S.R. 202.441-1A, defines an act of terrorism is as “any act
6 that involves the use or attempted use of sabotage, coercion or violence which is intended to
7 cause great bodily harm or death to the general population”; and
- 8 WHEREAS an act of domestic terrorism was committed taking innocent lives with a
9 modified semi-automatic weapon, and
- 10 WHEREAS 11,562 people have already been killed in 2017 due to gun violence meaning
11 that an average of 42 people have been killed every day since January 1st, 2017 in the United
12 States; and
- 13 WHEREAS per the FBI 33 active shooter incidents have been perpetrated on various
14 college campuses and schools around the country from 2000 through 2016 and

15 WHEREAS the Kansas state government passed a law authorizing concealed carry on
16 university campuses across the state starting on July 1st, 2017; and

17 WHEREAS per the Kansas Board of Regents 2015 student survey, 57% of WSU students
18 voted in favor of repealing the campus carry law and/or delay the law, 43% of WSU
19 students voted in favor of the campus carry law; and

20 WHEREAS in this survey, 35% of Shockers reported they would be less likely to return to
21 WSU due to gun safety concerns; and

22 WHEREAS the 60th Session Senate of the Wichita State University Student Government
23 Association believes student safety and comfort should be a high priority to ensure students
24 can excel academically; so

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the culture of violence perpetuated in the act of
26 domestic terrorism that occurred on the 1st of October, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nevada is not
27 condoned by the Student Senate of Wichita State University; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 60th Session Senate of Wichita State University
29 Student Government Association offers its deepest condolences to the families and victims
30 of this senseless act of violence; and

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 60th Session Senate of the Wichita State University
32 Student Government Association recognizes and commends the medical professionals, first
33 responders, and heroic bystanders who acted in the wake of the tragedy on October 1st,
34 2017; and

35 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 60th Session Senate of the Wichita State University Student
36 Government Association encourages the University Police and Administration to review
37 WSU policy with updated information from recent mass shootings to ensure the safety of
38 students on campus; and

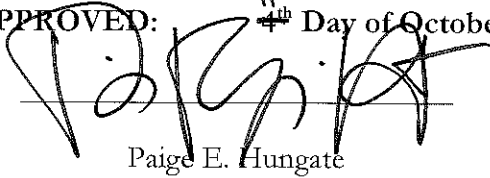
39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that University Police and Administration should make a
40 priority of informing the student body, faculty, and staff the procedures of what to do in
41 case of a shooting on campus; and

42 BE IT RESOLVED THAT students are encouraged to contact the University Police at 316-
43 978-3450, utilize emergency phones located on campus, or download the Rave Guardian
44 Mobile Safety App should they have concerns about their safety on campus; and

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded with respect to
46 John Bardo, President of the University; Teri Hall, Vice President of Student Affairs; The
47 Wichita State University Police Department; Zachary Zalneraitis, Director of Public

48 Relations for Students for Concealed Carry; Stuart Dedmon, Central Regional Director of
49 Students for Concealed Carry; Jerry Moran, United States Senator from Kansas; Pat Roberts,
50 United States Senator from Kansas; Ron Estes, Member of the U.S. House of
51 Representatives from Kansas's 4th district; Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Member of the Kansas
52 Senate from the 29th district; KC Ohaebosim, Member of the Kansas House of
53 Representatives from the 89th district; Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas; Jeff Longwell,
54 Mayor of Wichita, the Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of Wichita State University; and
55 the Las Vegas Sun Newspaper.

56 APPROVED: ^{11th} ~~4th~~ Day of October, 2017

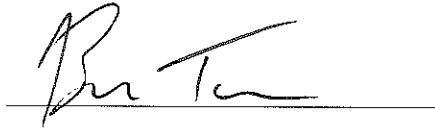


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