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Student Senate Bill SS.R.? (2009/2010)

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SUMMARY

Declares support for moving the Pacifica Forum to a location outside of the Erb Memorial Union

Section I.

1.1 *Whereas*, the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) is composed of an Executive and Legislative branch, both advocating for issues and concerns shared by students of the University of Oregon.

1.2 *Whereas*, the the ASUO acknowledges and respects the right of all individuals and organizations to engage in unrestricted speech that contributes to the diversity of intellectual thought and personal growth for University students.

1.3 *Whereas*, the purpose of the incidental fee is to pay for services, departments, programs and the Erb Memorial Union in the goal of enhancing the cultural and physical development of students.

1.4 *Whereas*, the Pacifica Forum has facilitated suggestive comments from its members that are degrading to several populations of students on this campus.

1.5 *Whereas*, the ASUO believes that speech suggesting violence towards women, the inferiority of religious communities and hostility towards groups of students introduces a hostile element into the educational space of the Erb Memorial Union.

1.6 *Whereas*, the Erb Memorial Union serves as a safe space for all student communities and any group or individual that compromises the safety of this environment ought to be removed.

1.7 *Whereas*, a large segment of the student body adamantly opposes the presence of the Pacifica Forum in the Erb Memorial Union and has requested their departure from our student building.

Section II.

2.1 *Be it resolved that*, the ASUO declares that the Pacifica Forum has fostered an environment of hostility that has compromised the welcoming environment of the Erb Memorial Union

2.2 *Be it resolved that*, the ASUO stands in solidarity with the student body in asking that the Pacific Forum remove itself from the EMU and refrains from using the facilities funded by the incidental fee.

2.3 *Be it resolved that*, the ASUO declares speech suggesting violence towards women, the inferiority of religious communities and hostility towards groups of students introduces a hostile element into the educational space of the Erb Memorial Union.