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UB Graduate Student Association
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RESOLUTION 1718-03

TO: Members of the Senate

FROM: Tanja Aho, GSA President

DATE: 7 March 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Student Demonstrations Against Gun Violence

WHEREAS gun violence at high school and college campuses is becoming all too common;

WHEREAS local, state and federal legislators have been slow to address issues of student, faculty and staff safety;

WHEREAS following the Parkland High School shooting students have taken the lead to demand improved gun safety and mental health care;

WHEREAS high school and college students, including those at UB, will walk out of class on March 14, 2018, at 10 am CDT for 17 minutes to honor the victims of the Parkland shooting;

WHEREAS over 260 colleges nationally have stated that there will be no negative consequences taken against prospective applicants whose records indicate they were penalized for taking part in a non-violent demonstration against gun violence;

WHEREAS student representative on the UB Council Mike Brown reported to the Council on March 5, 2018, that UB students request that instructors not take punitive action against students who wish to participate in the March 14 walkout during class;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The GSA Senate is in solidarity with our students who will be demonstrating against gun violence and honoring the victims of Parkland High School;
2. The GSA Senate encourages instructors to take no punitive measures against students who wish to participate in the March 14 walkout;
3. The GSA Senate strongly urges the UB administration to make an official statement in support of the students wishing to participate in the March 14 walkout.