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Dear UAF Community,

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As you know, our campus has been gaining attention from students as a result of recent developments in a Title IX investigation. ASUAF is fully invested in ensuring that the university does what is necessary to keep its students safe and to protect our rights.

In response to concerns raised by a large number of students, ASUAF will conduct a review of UA and UAF Title IX policies and procedures, as well as the actions of individual UAF departments, offices and administrators. The purpose of this review is not to determine guilt or innocence of parties involved in any particular title IX violation, sexual assault, or similar incident, but rather to assess UAF's performance and adherence to policy when investigating such incidents.

To support this review, Student Government is soliciting testimonials from students regarding Title IX at UAF. We are encouraging students who have had experience reporting Title IX violations to UAF to speak honestly about their experiences through an online survey. All data collected from students through this effort will be kept securely anonymous and confidential within the ASUAF Executive Office and the commission conducting the review. No information from student testimonials will be made available to any university staff member without the prior consent of the student and until ASUAF's review has concluded and its findings published. This survey can be accessed here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ASUAFTIX>.

The commission conducting the review (Student Inquiry into Title IX) will be comprised of ASUAF Student Government officers, students at large, and tenured faculty. This group will be charged with the following:

- Hearing student testimony
- To the best of its ability, determining whether or not UA/ UAF policies are sound and sufficient to ensure student safety and equal access to education
- To the best of its ability, determining whether or not UAF has adhered to policy in its handling of Title IX violations
- To the best of its ability, determining whether or not the Department of Residence Life violated students' First Amendment rights or rights to protest guaranteed in BOR policy

This is an issue that Student Government approaches with great concern and understands it to be of the utmost importance. I encourage my fellow students to continue to voice their concern and engage with the change process, both as outlined here, and within the broader system change efforts within the university and beyond. My fellow student leaders and I are dedicated to ensuring that students are treated with respect, subject to fair policies and procedures, and have equal access to a quality education. We will continue to keep the university community informed of our activities as they relate to this issue. For questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact the Student Government office.

Sincerely,

Colby Freel,
UAF Student Body President