Resolution

Calling on Princeton University to elevate its disciplinary actions against Professor Sergio Verdu

Whereas the issue of Sexual Misconduct and Assault on the Princeton University campus has been of critical concern to all undergraduates, graduates, faculty, and administrators,

Whereas in June of 2017, a panel appointed by the Title IX Coordinator found Professor Sergio Verdu to be responsible for violating Princeton University’s policy on Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct, and charged Verdu with Sexual Harassment and/or Inappropriate Conduct Related to Sex, Gender Identity, or Gender Expression,

Whereas Professor Verdu’s discipline was an eight-hour training session as decided by the Dean of Faculty¹,

Whereas the Dean of Faculty, Deborah Prentice admitted that “a broader set of allegations” have been made against Verdu by other women who were not willing to come forward on record²,

Whereas Professor Verdu’s has remained a salaried employee of the University, maintained his position as Eugene Higgins Professor of Electrical Engineering, and continued in his teaching and research advising roles without interruption

Now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government,

SECTION 1. Recommendations.

² Ibid.
In accordance with § 301. Advisory Power of the USG Senate Constitution, the USG Senate calls on the University to elevate its disciplinary action against Professor Verdu.

SECTION 2. Approval.

In accordance with § 301. Advisory Power of the USG Senate Constitution, the USG Senate adopts an approving position and endorses this recommendation. The USG Senate calls upon the relevant University Offices, Staff, and Partners to swiftly implement this in all appropriate manners.

Approved November 19, 2017.

With ___ Voting Members of the Senate present and
By a Vote of ___ In Favor, ___ Against, and ___ In Abstention

DANIEL QIAN ’19,
Vice President of the Undergraduate Student Government and
Presiding Officer of the Senate.

Attest:

TRACI MATHIEU ’20,
Executive Secretary of the Senate.