**STUDENT SENATE**

Session I

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**SR-01-14**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-14: A Resolution to Address Inadequate Access to Athletic Trainers for Student-Athletes**

WHEREAS: Athletic trainers are an essential resource for athletes to ensure their safety and health. Athletic trainers provide injury prevention, evaluation, and post-injury rehabilitative care. Common sports-related injuries like muscle and ligament tears, sprains, and concussions require immediate attention from a qualified athletic trainer to effectively address the injury and ensure the health and safety of student-athletes; and,

WHEREAS: There are 11 sports teams at Bellevue College, comprising over 150 student-athletes (159). According to the National Athletic Training Association Guidelines, it is recommended that there is one *full-time* athletic trainer per 50 student-athletes; and,

WHEREAS: The Bellevue College Athletics Department provides limited access to one *part-time* athletic trainer for all Bellevue College athletes. Athletes across all sports at Bellevue College have access to the athletic trainer for less than 20 hours per week on select days (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). As a result, student-athletes do not have adequate access to necessary healthcare resources during and around training and competition times.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF BELLEVUE COLLEGE**

THAT: Bellevue College hires and maintains a staff of at least 3 full-time or full-time equivalent qualified athletic trainers; and,

THAT: The athletic training staff-to-student-athlete ratio is evaluated at the beginning of each academic year to guarantee the appropriate ratio is maintained and that sufficient care can be provided to Bellevue College student-athletes each year; and,

THAT: A copy of this resolution be sent to Student Affairs; Mike Kaptik, Dean of Student Life and Leadership; and Judith Hernandez Chapar, Interim AVP of Student Affairs.

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