

15 whether the juvenile ‘committed the offense,’” according to an official flowchart released by the
16 Department of the Attorney General Crime Prevention & Justice Assistance Division. All four
17 amended versions of the court documents (section 19, p. 9) state that “defendants Jayden and
18 Kamoi were charged with and pled guilty to Sexual Assault Two” meaning their official pleas
19 were admissions of guilt. Moreover, it was determined that as a “direct and proximate result of
20 defendants’ wrongful conduct,” the Plaintiff sustained severe injuries and damages, being
21 entitled to receiving medical, psychological, and psychiatric expenses, past and future wage loss,
22 and other special damages as allowed by law” (section 29, pp. 7-9); and

23 **WHEREAS:** In response to an opinion piece from *The University Star* criticizing the decision to
24 sign De Laura and calling for the University to rescind his offer, the University stated that “the
25 matter does not violate the Texas State University Code of Conduct or athletics misconduct
26 policies” admitting that they were aware of De Laura’s troubling past, and despite the Texas
27 State Code of Student Conduct (Section AE) outlining sexual misconduct, including sexual
28 assault, as a direct violation of said policies, signed him to the team anyways; and

29 **WHEREAS:** The response generated from the news of De Laura’s signing prompted several on-
30 campus organizations to release statements of dissent, protests on campus, and a petition calling
31 for his removal with over 4,888 signatures as of January 26, 2024; and

32 **WHEREAS:** On January 24, 2024 at 3:20 P.M., Texas State Athletics released a statement
33 announcing De Laura had “withdrawn as a student at Texas State University and will not be a
34 part of the Texas State football program.” This was the only announcement made on behalf of
35 the university, with severe lack of acknowledgement or direct response from prominent leaders

36 of our community such as President Kelley Damphousse or head football coach Gary Joe Kinne;
37 therefore,

38 **BE IT RESOLVED:** The university should hold its constituents to the very policies they have
39 established, especially its student athletes as they become prominent “leaders” of the university
40 as outlined by coach Kinne in a response to *The University Star*. The university should not
41 glorify those who are in direct violation of said standards that promote violence and places
42 athletic success above the safety and wellbeing of its students; and

43 **BE IT RESOLVED:** The abhorrent decision to sign De Laura is a violation of the morals and
44 principles this university stands for. Violence should not be tolerated in any scenario, and by
45 signing De Laura, the university is sending the image that said violence is normal and
46 perpetrators of it should be celebrated members of our community; and

47 **BE IT RESOLVED:** According to the 2023 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, reports of
48 rape have increased by 185% since 2020 alone (p. 64). Fondling has increased by 155% and
49 domestic violence cases by 42 percent (pp. 64-65). By promoting the image of someone accused
50 of all three of these crimes, we are not only attributing to the growth of these numbers, but also
51 reversing any and all change we have done to prevent these crimes from occurring in the future;
52 and

53 **BE IT RESOLVED:** The severe lack of response or recognition of blame for causing direct
54 harm to members of our community shows a lack of compassion and understanding the
55 university strives to maintain. The student body government demands that the university releases
56 a formal apology to its staff and students and use this situation to set precedent to no longer value

57 winning, and the monetary successes that arise from it, above the welfare of its students. Student
58 athletes in particular should be held to the same standards set forth by the Texas State University
59 System Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures (1.1) and the Student Code of Conduct to
60 ensure that students feel safe and heard; and

61 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** This legislation be forwarded to the Student Body President
62 for further action.

