

RESOLUTION 25
AN ACT VOICING OPPOSITION TO WEBSITES THAT FACILITATE THE
ANONYMOUS DEFAMATION OF STUDENTS' CHARACTERS

WHEREAS, there has been a widening use of websites that are malicious in nature and permit the perpetrators of personal insults to remain anonymous; and,

WHEREAS, according to the *Raleigh News and Observer*, during the past year some state Attorneys General, including in New Jersey and Connecticut, have raised concerns about the legality of such defamatory comments; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to libelous remarks, according to the *Independent Florida Alligator* of the University of Florida, "college students were arrested after allegedly making posts in which they threatened to go on school shooting sprees," comments which would pose a clear concern for students, faculty, and administrators across the UNC system; and,

WHEREAS, websites of this nature do not serve as a model for the community that the UNC system strives to be, and the students of the University feel that such websites demean the collegiate atmosphere in which they take part; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments expresses its opposition to websites that provide anonymity to facilitate malicious, demeaning, and derogatory attacks upon students in the great state of North Carolina; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Association also encourages students of the University to avoid using such anonymous websites for illicit and potentially illegal purposes.

I hereby certify the foregoing resolution was read twice and adopted by voice vote in the General Assembly of the UNC Association of Student Governments, this the ____ day of _____, 2009.

Ashley M. Yopp
Senior Vice President

I hereby signify my approval of this resolution as adopted by the General Assembly of the UNC Association of Student Governments, this the ____ day of _____, 2009.

T. Greg Doucette
President