Resolution to Condemn Actions of Grinnell College Administrators regarding Yik Yak

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Whereas, Yik Yak has acted as an anonymous community for students and faculty at Grinnell College, and

Whereas, Yik Yak’s anonymity has been abused by a small population of local users, and

Whereas, certain Grinnell administrators have ordered explicit restrictions on outbound TCP connections to Yik Yak’s servers in response to such abuse, and

Whereas, this action is clear and blatant censorship, which does not solve the underlying problem of hateful behavior, and

Whereas, the decision was made without public student input, and enacted at such a time that student response could not be published in the student newspaper in reasonable time, now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Student Government Association of Grinnell College, That the Joint Board of the Student Government Association officially condemns the actions of Vice President for Communications Jim Reische, Title IX Coordinator Angela Voos, President Raynard Kington, Dean Michael Latham, and Grinnell police chief Dennis Reilly in blocking Yik Yak on Grinnell College’s campus.