

To: The University Senate
From: The Student Affairs Committee
Subject: Steps in addressing campus sexual assault and misconduct
Disposition: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption
Rationale: Purdue Student Government has created the Safety, Accountability, and Fostering an Environment of Respect (SAFER) Ad-Hoc committee to address safety issues taking place on campus, with special focus on sexual assault and misconduct. This committee, composed of individuals within Purdue Student Government and other members of the student body, is working on improving Purdue's response to instances of sexual assault, on educating students about the variety of resources Purdue offers for advocacy and health, and on pushing for larger systemic change at Purdue including the expansion of services.

The overall mission of the SAFER Committee is to create an environment on campus where students feel protected both physically and mentally from any form of sexual assault and misconduct, and where they will feel supported by the campus community and Purdue administration.

The University Senate is prepared to be a partner in these endeavors.

Proposal: The University Senate supports the following policies:

Purdue will create a streamlined, and easy-to-locate website where all sexual misconduct policies, information, and definitions, as well as current issues and statements reside. These policies and definitions will also be included in the student code of conduct.

All students will be required to pass a consent and misconduct module at the beginning of each academic year. Students will ~~complete a contract~~ take a pledge affirming Purdue's standards for consent and sexual misconduct.

Sexual assault is addressed in the student handbook.

Mental-health services for survivors of sexual assault are made more accessible, which might include prioritizing victims of sexual assault in providing them with mental health assistance.

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