



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 68-45

The Student Senate
68th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Luke Strother, Off Campus Caucus
Dakota Broach, COALS Caucus
Carlos Sonka, Rules and Regulations Chair
Michael Murtha, Off Campus Caucus
Aaron Mitchell, Speaker of the Student Senate

Action Taken

PASSED
2/10/16

Certified By:

Aaron Mitchell '16

Aaron Mitchell
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Joseph Benigno '16
Joseph Benigno
Student Body President

The Fair Campus Act Support Bill

"A bill supporting H.R. 3408, the Fair Campus Act."

- Whereas(1):** The Texas A&M University Student Government Association is the official voice of the student body; and,
- Whereas(2):** Texas A&M University is currently under federal investigation for its handling of a sexual assault case in which a male student claimed that he was discriminated against—a claim that is not uncommon amongst institutions of higher learning; and,
- Whereas(3):** While victims should be protected and treated in a way that does not detract from their education, shame them, compromise their anonymity, force them to go to the police, or the like, Texas A&M students and organizations should be given due process and fair representation during all conduct proceedings when accused of sexual abuse, sexual assault, rape, assault, and battery; and,
- Whereas(4):** The Fair Campus Act ensures that the rights of victims and the accused are not violated; and,
- Whereas(5):** The Fair Campus Act is supported by the North-American Interfraternity



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Conference, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, and The National Panhellenic Conference.

Whereas(5): The Fair Campus Act meets the seven principals outlined by The National Panhellenic Conference and the North-American Interfraternity Conference:

Encourage additional conversations and education on campuses to address sexual assault prevention through bystander intervention, risk reduction, and social norming.

Provide unprecedented protections and dedicated campus resources for victims.

Ensure due process rights for organizations to prohibit preemptive group suspension of student organizations.

Make campuses safer by creating opportunities for colleges and universities to suspend students who are under law enforcement investigation for sexual violence.

Prohibit colleges and universities from naming alumni volunteers and house directors who support local collegiate chapters and other student organizations as Campus Security Authorities.

Strengthen due process rights for all students by precluding individual university officials from playing multiple roles in conduct investigations or hearings and requiring that information be provided in advance to the parties involved in the investigation or hearing.

Maintain the single-sex status exemption as defined under Title IX.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That the student body of Texas A&M and the Texas A&M Student Government Association formally support the passage of the Fair Campus Act; and,

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(2): That the Texas A&M Student Government Association requests for the passage of the Fair Campus Act at SEC in DC; and,



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Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(3): That a copy of this bill be sent to:

- Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University
- John Sharp, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System
- Dave Parrott, Executive Associate Vice President of the Division of Student Affairs
- Bill Flores, U.S. Representative for Texas's 17th congressional district
- Pete Sessions, U.S. Representative for Texas's 32nd congressional district
- John Kline, Chairman of the Education and Workforce Chairman Subcommittee