



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

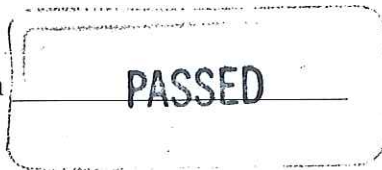
S.B. 68-48

**The Student Senate  
68th Session  
Texas A&M University**

**Introduced By:** Morgan Lawson '17, International Studies Major  
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Senator Alex Rose, Corps of Cadets Caucus  
Senator Caroline Turpen, Engineering Caucus  
Senator Joshua Sweet, Transitional Academic Programs Caucus

**Action Taken**



**Certified By:**

Aaron Mitchell  
Speaker of the Senate

**Duly Approved:**

Joseph Benigno  
Student Body President

## **Sexual Assault Bill**

*"Relating to the increase in protection and protocol for sexual assault victims."*

**Whereas(1):** The definition of consent is used as the foundation for sexual assault charges. Currently at Texas A&M, the definition is not as clear on the continuation of consent. This has led to difficulty in interpreting the university definition in investigation processes; and,

**Whereas(2):** The current system of reporting does not require the university to investigate every allegation reported. In fact, there is no direct line of reporting available to students; and,



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**Whereas(3):** In the status quo, should a student be accused and found guilty through the university investigation process, no record is kept regarding the case. This allows those found guilty to transfer universities or apply for higher education degrees without consequences; and,

**Whereas(4):** The university takes no disciplinary action against those students who report false allegations of sexual assault. This means that there is no deterrent from falsely accusing other individuals.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted(1):** A new and strict definition of consent should be adopted as a way of preventing any confusion and further making legal action more defined. Consent will be defined as ongoing, enthusiastic encouragement given from one party to the other. This definition should be explained in full to both staff and the student body to prevent further confusion; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Enacted(2):** There shall be a system of reporting that will allow individuals to have a direct line to communicate concerns. This system of reporting will be allowed to investigate allegations made by students, even if the individual does not wish to press legal charges. Unlike the police force, which is not allowed to investigate without charges being pressed, the university shall be required to investigate all reports in a confidential manner; and,



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**Further**

**Enacted(3):** Additionally, any time a student is found guilty of sexual assault, his or her student record shall be amended to reflect this charge. In the event the accused is found not guilty by a police investigation, the student record will be adjusted to reflect the record prior to the school conviction. In the case of false allegations, mandatory conduct charges will be issued to the false accuser through the university system. In pursuit of these goals, the legislative ideals articulated both explicitly and implicitly in this document shall be regarded as the will of the Texas A&M University student body and the Legislative Relations Commission; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Enacted(4):** A copy of this bill be sent to:

John Sharp '72, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System  
Mr. Michael K. Young, Texas A&M University President  
Dr. Anne Reber, Dean of Student Life  
Dr. Charles Schwertner, District 5 Representative  
Texas A&M University Faculty Senate