The Student Senate
68th Session
Texas A&M University

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Action Taken: PASSED
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,
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,

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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