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Texas A&M University

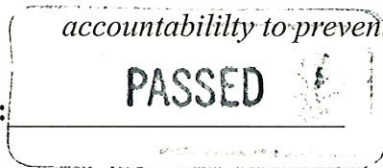
S.R. 73-44

Texas A&M University
The Student Senate
73rd Session

The Increased Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Resolution

“A resolution acknowledging the recent incidences of sexual assault within Fish Camp and throughout Texas A&M student organizations, and calling for immediate action and accountability to prevent additional instances of assault.”

Action Taken:



Certified By:

Zachary McCue
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Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 03-03-2021

Introduced by: Emily Lucas, College of Education
Megha Viswanath, Off-Campus Caucus
Iman Ahmed, Diversity & Inclusion, Off-Campus Caucus

Sponsored by: Sam Jefferis, Academic Affairs, Engineering Caucus
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Cole Allen, Mays Caucus
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Whereas (1): On February 3rd, 2021, an article was published to *The Battalion* website detailing instances of freshmen experiencing sexual violence perpetrated by their “D.G. parents” who are the assigned camp counselors in charge of a small intimate group of incoming students¹; and,

Whereas (2): A rule barring Fish Camp counselors from having sexual or romantic relationships with the freshmen prior to October of the same school year is absent from the Fish Camp Constitution and By-Laws^{1,2}; and,

¹http://www.thebatt.com/news/fish-camp-perpetuates-culture-of-sexual-violence/article_c3823eb0-66a4-11eb-9689-bbe3fec563f0.html

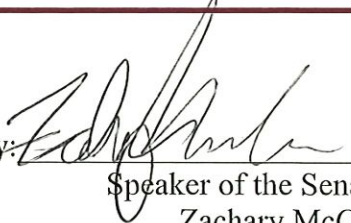
² <https://maroonlink.tamu.edu/organization/fishcamp>



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Whereas (3): Victims of sexual assault suffer academically and emotionally as a result of the physical and mental trauma associated with such crimes, and 14.3% of female students have been shown to have a GPA of below a 2.5 the semester in which their assault occurred,³ and,

Whereas (4): One in five women and one in sixteen men are sexually assaulted in college⁴; and,

Whereas (5): More than 50% of college sexual assaults occur in the months of August, September, October, or November⁵; and,

Whereas (6): 84% of female survivors reported that they were assaulted during their first four semesters of college⁶; and,

Whereas (7): The statistical average over the past 5 years shows that upwards of 60% of sexual assaults and rapes go unreported⁷; and,

Whereas (8): Even if 40% of attacks are reported, there is only a 16.3% chance that the perpetrator will end up in prison; and,⁷

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The 73rd Session of the Texas A&M Student Senate denounces all forms of sexual assault everywhere, especially towards any current Texas A&M students and stands with survivors, whether they opt to report or not; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): The Texas A&M Student Senate recommends for the mandation of Step In, Stand Up training in the New Student Conference curriculum with this being supported and recommended by Dr. Denise Crisafi who is the Coordinator for Interpersonal Violence Prevention; and,

³<https://psychology.as.uky.edu/sexual-assault-can-inhibit-student-success>

⁴https://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications_nsvrc_factsheet_media-packet_statistics-about-sexual-violence_0.pdf

⁵<https://www.rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence>

⁶<https://www.knowyourix.org/issues/statistics/>

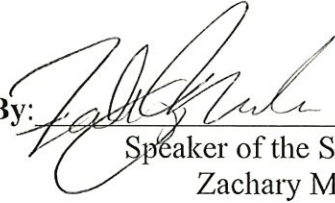
⁷<https://cmsac.org/facts-and-statistics/>



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Further

Resolved(3): The Texas A&M Student Senate recommends that the University Police Department collaborate with the Women’s Resource Center and the Pride Center to promote inclusive self-defense trainings offered on campus to all students based on a recommendation provided by Dr. Denise Crisafi; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(4): The Texas A&M Student Senate calls for the inclusion of a rule in the Fish Camp Constitution and behavioral agreement that explicitly details that there should be “No sexual or romantic relations between freshmen and counselors throughout their entire membership term in Fish Camp”, as well as adding the accountability procedures from the behavioral agreement into the Fish Camp Constitution; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(5): The Texas A&M Student Senate recommends for the implementation of mandatory Green Dot training and certification for all Fish Camp advisors, directors, and chairs, alongside a modified Green Dot training for counselors of every Fish Camp term to accommodate for the size of the organization and current limitations on in-person training; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(6): The Texas A&M Student Senates calls for the Senate to host a campus-wide workshop with the Title IX office about what happens throughout the entire Title IX process, and how to effectively lobby for changes to the federal Title IX law so that it better serves survivors; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(7): The Texas A&M Student Senate encourages all Aggies who have experienced sexual assault or know those who have to access local resources such as the Sexaul Assault Resource Center, Texas A&M’s C.A.P.S. mental health services, and Texas A&M’s HelpLine (979.845.2700), Texas A&M’s Title IX department, and nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization R.A.I.N.N’s website for further resources; and,



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Further

Resolved(8): A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, *Vice President for Student Affairs*
Ms. Jennifer Smith, *Title IX Coordinator*
Dr. Denise Crisafi, *Office of Health Promotion*
Emily Ivey, *New Student Conference Director*
Meredith Malnar, *Director of the First Year Experience*
Eric Muñoz, *Fish Camp Director*
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