RESOLUTION 21/22/29

RECOMMENDATIONS TO
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
REGARDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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WHEREAS, On Tuesday, October 5, 2021, approximately 100 Kansas State University (KSU) students met on Anderson Lawn to protest sexual violence at the University;

WHEREAS, Following the initial meeting on Anderson Lawn, students marched to the President’s residence to voice concerns;

WHEREAS, University President Richard B. Myers addressed protestors and requested a list of desired concrete action items from students;

WHEREAS, Following the march, members of the KSU Student Governing Association (KSU SGA) collaborated with student protestors to create a preliminary list of action items and distributed it to President Myers and other university administrators;

WHEREAS, KSU Administration officials have pledged their support in helping students mitigate the issue of sexual violence at the University;

WHEREAS, Sexual assault prevention, awareness, and response should be prioritized by KSU Administration; and

WHEREAS, KSU SGA has, through research and conversation with survivors and allies, created and refined this official list of recommendations to the University.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Kansas State University Student Governing Association (KSU SGA) makes the following recommendations to the respective parties:

A. That the Office of Student Life, as well as the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Budget Office provide a timeline regarding funding and institutionalizing the position of Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Specialist for Fiscal Year 2023.

B. That the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE), Lafene Health Center, and the Center for Advocacy Response and Education (CARE) Office mandate that each incoming student, particularly those residing in organized living, completes the Wildcats Make a Pact (WMAP) bystander intervention training at Orientation and Enrollment.

C. That the Student Organization Policy Review Committee increases transparency in their processes through updates in popular media on a monthly basis, and includes representatives from a variety of student organizations, particularly those in Fraternity and Sorority life and other Independent Student Organizations, in order to create a cohesive recommendation regarding student organization policy that makes an effort to mitigate sexual violence.
D. That the OIE educates students regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and other protective policies, and provides adequate and timely information regarding the outcome of their investigation with the survivor.

E. That the OIE and the CARE Office collaborate with KSU SGA to create an informational campaign that promotes and educates students about available resources through all avenues, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Placing informational flyers on the inside of all on-campus bathroom stalls;
2. Encouraging instructors to promote resources at least once per semester;
3. Modifying the mandatory Kansas State Syllabus Statements to better reflect resources available to survivors;
4. Utilizing social media to exhibit and explain the process of reporting an instance of sexual or relationship violence; and
5. Implementing a permanent link to resources in the sidebar of the K-State Today publication.

F. That the Division of Communications and Marketing explore the idea of promoting administrator positions and responsibilities in order that students be made aware of the appropriate channels to express grievances.

G. That administrators, instructors, the CARE Office, OIE, and KSU SGA prioritize the promotion of the Campus Climate Survey and Sexual Assault Climate Survey in order to amplify the voices of survivors of violence or discrimination.

H. That the Division of Informational Technology ensure that the Campus Climate Survey and Sexual Assault Climate Survey are sent with official KSU branding and that students be notified in the main inbox of their KSU email.

I. That the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Director within KSU SGA create a task force which involves KSU SGA, Wildcats Against Sexual Violence, and students at-large in order to create a coherent report regarding Sexual Violence to administrators in future terms.

J. That Housing and Dining Services refine policy regarding preventing those with a criminal record related to sexual violence from living in on-campus housing.

K. That President Myers further his relationship with the CARE Office and emphasize the importance of prevention, awareness, and response efforts to the incoming University President.

SECTION 2. KSU SGA stands with survivors of sexual or relationship violence, condemns the actions of perpetrators, and renews its commitment to efforts of sexual assault prevention, awareness, education, and response.

SECTION 3. Upon passage by the Student Senate and signature of the Student Body President, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Chief Financial Officer Ethan Erickson, Director of the Office of Institutional Equity Dr. Stephanie Lott, Director of Lafene Health Center Jim Parker, Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Specialist Jessica Henault, Director of the CARE Office Clara Valadares Kienitz, Director of the Center for Student Involvement Kelli Farris, Panhellenic Council President Kali Poenitske, Interfraternity Council President Matt Kuckelman, Vice President for the Division of Communications and Marketing Jeffery Morris, Chief Information Officer Gary Pratt, Faculty Senate President Laurel Littrell, Director of Housing and Dining Services and Associate Vice
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