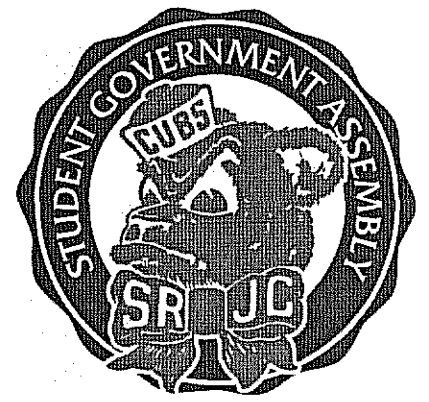


Sonoma County Junior College District
Student Government Assembly



RESOLUTION

By the approval of the 158th SRJC Student Government Administration;

Sexual Assault Outreach and Education

- WHEREAS,** research conducted by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center¹ shows that sexual assault on college campuses is significantly prevalent, with research showing that one in 4 women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college, while reports often only encompass a fraction of the rape reports that schools field each year. The research also indicates the rate for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer students is estimated to be slightly higher.
- WHEREAS,** the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network² reported that 68% of sexual assaults are never reported. A report published by the White House Council on Women and Girls³ found this statistic to be even lower for college students, stating that only 12% of student victims report the assault to law enforcement. The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault⁴ compiled studies regarding sexual assault victims, revealing that many victims do not report for many reasons including the fear of re-victimization by the criminal justice system, fear of reprisal, or not knowing how.
- WHEREAS,** a sexual assault occurred on Santa Rosa Junior College's Santa Rosa Campus in March of 2012.⁵
- WHEREAS,** a rape occurred on Santa Rosa Junior College's Santa Rosa Campus on August 20th 2015.⁶
- WHEREAS,** Santa Rosa Junior College has taken some steps to decrease sexual assault through the creation of self defense workshops and address of potentially unsafe areas on campus, and is in the process of hiring an individual to fill the newly created Manager of Training and Compliance position, the Santa Rosa Junior College District has failed to acknowledge that studies have shown that 4 out of 5 rapes and 82% of sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim, as reported by the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network. Although awareness of one's surroundings and self-defense can help prevent sexual assaults, Santa Rosa Junior College has taken zero precautionary measures in combating rape culture and has perpetuated victim-blaming by focusing on the victim's actions prior to an attack, instead of focusing on the perpetrators themselves.
- WHEREAS,** Santa Rosa Junior College currently lacks proper educational and rehabilitating resources for students, teachers, and administrators surrounding the problem of sexual assault, what proper consent means, and how to get help or report a sexual assault.
- WHEREAS,** according to a press release via the UC Office of the President, the University of California system will implement mandatory sexual assault prevention training on all University of California Campuses.⁷ Other college campuses have taken steps to improve the safety of their campuses by providing sexual consent workshops during orientation, providing accurate and resourceful literature on sexual assault, and have made relevant resources easily accessible online.
- WHEREAS,** medical care (psychological and physical) can cost victims of sexual assault an average of \$2,000, according to a 2003 CDC study.⁸ The study also indicated that more than one-fifth of working survivors of sexual assault on college campuses lost days of paid work – and did so for the same reasons student survivors would miss classes (potentially enough to be forced to drop out).
- WHEREAS,** there is no evidence of implementation of mandatory sexual harassment classes, of any kind, causing a decline in student enrollment.⁹
- WHEREAS,** providing resources to all students, including sexual assault survivors, is vital to promoting safety on all college campuses.
- WHEREAS,** *California Education Code 67386(d)*¹⁰ states that California Community Colleges, "shall implement comprehensive prevention and outreach programs addressing sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. A comprehensive prevention program shall include a range of prevention strategies, including, but not limited to, empowerment programming for victim prevention, awareness raising campaigns, primary prevention, bystander intervention, and risk reduction."
- WHEREAS,** *California Education Code Section 67385.7* requests that California Community Colleges "post sexual violence prevention and education information on its campus Internet Web site."
- WHEREAS,** incidents of campus sexual assault may be reported to non-campus authorities and may in fact take place off campus, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY:

1. That the Santa Rosa Junior College take measures to create an accessible process for students to report sexual assaults. Policies and procedures will be clear, readable, and accurate; information must be widely disseminated and readily accessible to all members of the campus community; and materials must include descriptive (operational) definitions of sexual assault, rape, and other forms of sexual violence, explaining why these actions violate acceptable standards of conduct and, in some cases, constitute criminal offenses. Potential campus and criminal penalties should be made equally clear.
2. Make it known that any member of the District Community may report conduct that may constitute sexual misconduct to any supervisor, manager, or directly to the Title IX Coordinator, or designee. Guidelines for reporting an incident of sexual assault should be clear and explicit and include names, titles, and contact information, as well as resources for those who may not want to report their sexual assault to the police.
3. Will provide emergency psychological services for victims of sexual assault and those affected by sexual assault. This involves boosting permanent funding in the Student Psychological Department on both the Santa Rosa and Petaluma campuses to increase the number of staff and expand its services and outreach.
4. Will provide a list of on and off campus community health centers, family planning providers, and mental health providers in multiple places on both the Santa Rosa and Petaluma Campuses, and virtually on the Santa Rosa Junior College website.
5. Will create a mandatory, virtual sexual consent workshop that students must take in order to register at the Santa Rosa Junior College.
6. Will consult and coordinate procedures with campus and non-campus police, health-care providers, and community service providers experienced in dealing with sexual assault.
7. Will create a program that trains peer educators, students, and security officer patrols. This program may focus on healthy relationships, the meaning of consent, and strategies for bystander intervention. Workshops and training sessions should play a continuing role in campus education.
8. Will implement physical and electronic prevention and security measures including improved campus lighting; trimming of vegetation; carded access to residence halls; presentations by campus police to student, faculty, and staff groups; and widespread distribution and publication of campus security information.
9. Will conduct an evaluation on Title IX inconsistencies and present recommendations to improve resources and reporting procedures for survivors of sexual assault.
10. Will dedicate a specific "tab" on the "homepage" of the Santa Rosa Junior College website, providing medically accurate and updated literature on sexual consent, how to report a sexual assault, and where to get more information regarding sexual assault.¹¹
11. Campus policy and procedures should be publicized through a multimedia approach that includes press releases, brochures, posters, radio and video spots, and web-based messages.

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- ⁹ Sacramento Bee press news update on the causes of decline in University of California enrollment: <http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article54301715.html>
- ¹⁰ Education Code Section 67380-67386: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=cdc&group=67001-68000&file=67380-67386>
- ¹¹ Links to be easily accessible for the SRJCD student body: <http://www.santarosa.edu/crr/sexual-assault-harassment/>

THIS NEEDS TO BE SEEN EASILY ON THE WEBSITE/PORTAL

<https://www.santarosa.edu/administration/college-safety/district-police/resources.shtml>, <http://www.santarosa.edu/polman/7communi/7.18.pdf>, <http://www.santarosa.edu/polman/7communi/7.18C.pdf>, <https://www.santarosa.edu/polman/2govern/2.15.pdf>, <https://www.santarosa.edu/polman/2govern/2.15P.pdf>, <http://www.yourlocalunitedway.org/women-philanthropy>

CONTACT ABOUT SUPPORT

<http://knowyourix.org/>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Association of University Professors Campus Sexual Assault: Suggested Policies and Procedures: <http://www.aup.org/reporting/campus-sexual-assault-suggested-policies-and-procedures>