

Affirming the Associated Students Resolution #3-2223: Campus Sexual Harassment Prevention and Education

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Whereas, The Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, §53200) and is primarily relied upon for student preparation and success (Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, The Mt. SAC Associated Students have passed the following Resolution #3-2223 calling for sexual harassment prevention and education for all Mt. SAC students:

Whereas: To address sexual harassment cases (reported and unreported) and rising student discomfort on-campus we propose implementation of mandatory sexual harassment intervention training and further resources for students as stated below:

1. Sexual harassment intervention training completion, already provided by the Title IX office, shall be required for all Mt. SAC students as a prerequisite for enrollment. The training better informs our student body on how to best defend themselves and others in the event of such circumstances. Additionally, per **AB 2683**, Mt. SAC will be proactive in implementing the eventual state-mandated sexual harassment prevention training for students.
2. Title IX office shall promote the emergency hand sign in the sexual harassment intervention training program. This hand sign is necessary as it is a mostly inclusive capability of students who need to non-verbally motion for help.
3. Police and Campus Safety shall redesign their webpage to make it user-friendly. There should be easily accessible information about public safety services on campus, such as escort services. Furthermore, intersectionality of programs should be considered; so addition of be an external link to the Title IX office and Mental Health Services webpage is necessary.
4. Mt. SAC shall set up an online chatroom/hotline on the Canvas Mountie Hub page to connect students to a specialist if they are a victim of sex-related offenses, especially if they occurred on campus. Accessible resources regarding support and professional help shall be provided by Mt. SAC.
5. Additionally, Campus Safety shall implement a trauma-informed training and workshop for officers. There is an emotional disconnect between

students and officers that needs to be addressed regarding sex-related offenses.

6. Faculty members shall include Public Safety and Title IX office information and references in their syllabus.

Whereas: Associated Students would collaborate with the Title IX office and Public Safety to further ensure student safety and well-being by:

1. Promoting Title IX office, Campus Safety, and Student Health Center services and information to the student body via flyer postage, social media, and announcements
2. Encouraging general Mt. SAC students to complete the sexual harassment and intervention training

Whereas: This proposal will fulfill the Associated Students purpose of civic engagement and advocacy, this resolution recognizes the voices of students concerned about personal safety while on campus. Through this resolution we aim to address safety and sexual harassment concerns and provide sufficient solutions that are representative of Mt. SAC student voices and needs.

Therefore: Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve **Campus Sexual Harassment Prevention and Education for all Mt. SAC Students.**

Resolved, the Mt. SAC Academic Senate commends Associated Students for their advocacy to address student concerns about personal safety and harassment; and,

Resolved, the Mt. SAC Academic Senate affirms and adopts the position of the Associated Students as established in Resolution #3-2223, Campus Sexual Harassment Prevention and Education; and,

Resolved, the Mt. SAC Academic Senate leadership will join in advocacy with Associated Students leadership on this matter.

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Approved by Mt. SAC Academic Senate February 23, 2023.
