

*Motion submitted by the Steering Committee to the Senate Meeting on April 28, 2016*

The Steering Committee of the 48th Senate of the Academic Council, having taken note of "A Resolution in Support of a New Campus Climate Survey" (passed by the ASSU Undergraduate Senate on January 19, 2016) and "A Resolution in Support of Proposed Ideas to Augment Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Efforts at Stanford" (passed by the ASSU Graduate Student Council on March 9, 2016, and by the Undergraduate Senate on March 29, 2016), and having reviewed the methodology and the findings of the Stanford Campus Climate Survey of 2015 and other pertinent information at an Executive Session on April 14, 2016, submits to the Senate a motion to endorse the following "Resolution in Support of Assessment and Education on Sexual Assault and Misconduct at Stanford":

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1. The members of the 48th Senate deeply empathize with, and share, student concerns about unwanted sexual contact.
2. The principal purposes of a climate survey are to assess the incidence of prohibited sexual conduct; to understand the circumstances under which non-consensual sexual acts occur; and to identify strategies for prevention, response efforts, corrective action, and education. The Stanford Campus Climate Survey of 2015 provides valuable information on the occurrence of sexual and relationship violence at Stanford, and reveals a deeply disturbing occurrence of prohibited sexual conduct.
3. In consideration of concerns about misunderstanding or misstating the severity of certain experiences, the Senate recommends that the university review the nomenclature used to describe the survey's data, specifically the categorization of "sexual assault" and "sexual misconduct". The Senate further recommends the release of new and more detailed analyses of data from the 2015 Stanford Campus Climate Survey.
4. The Senate strongly supports repeating a survey at least every three years to gain the benefits of longitudinal analysis, and including such questions as will enable assessing the effectiveness of actions designed to prevent prohibited conduct and create a safe campus environment.
5. The Senate acknowledges the importance of the university's investment in programs of support, education, prevention, and adjudication with regard to sexual assault and misconduct. It recommends expanding the scope of these efforts even further in keeping with the concept of mandatory education proposed in the recent ASSU resolution of March 9 and 29 on "Mandatory Education on Concepts of Sexual Violence, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Prevention." The Senate recommends considering such education not only for graduate students, but also for postdocs and staff. The Senate invites the Committees on Undergraduate Standards and Policies (C-USP) and on Graduate Studies (C-GS) to accompany, assess, and support these programs and to work closely with the appropriate offices on campus.
6. The Senate looks forward to participating as part of the campus community in the formulation, maintenance, and assessment of programs in prevention, response efforts, corrective action, and education on these matters.