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Initiatives To Stop Sexual Assault on Campus Act

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Vote by Show of Hands

Passed 11/15/15

Amendment History

For details, see the meeting's minutes.

1. At the General Meeting, Daniel Levine, Winthrop '17, proposed an amendment that would have added a fourth recommendation to address sexual assault: mandate that members of all-male final clubs open their organizations to students of all genders. The amendment failed by roll call vote, 12 – 24 – 5 (12 – 26 – 5 counted below).

Anna Wechsler, Adams '18: No
Jazil Waris, Adams '18: Yes
Scott Ely, Adams '18: No
Cameron Khansarinia, Cabot '18: No
Jacob Steinberg-Otter, Cabot '16: Abstain
Shaiba Rather, Cabot '17: No
Leah Stewart, Crimson Yard '19: No
Nicholas Whittaker, Crimson Yard '19: No
Jack Kelley, Crimson Yard '19: No
Yasmin Sachee, Currier '18: No
Taylor Li, Currier '18: No
Ziyad (Ziko) McLean, Currier '18: No
Rob Dei Dolori, Dudley '16: Yes
Danny Banks, Dunster '17: No
Ju Hyun (Alice) Lee, Dunster '18: Absent
Rachel Gilchrist, Dunster '18: Absent
David Frankle, Eliot '18: No
Taylor Marquis, Eliot '18: No

Phebe Hong, Eliot '16: Yes
Victor Agbafe, Elm Yard '19: Yes
Ashrithaa Anurudran, Elm Yard '19: No
Evan Bonsall, Elm Yard '19: Yes
Catherine Zhang, Ivy Yard '19: Absent
Scott Xiao, Ivy Yard '19: Abstain
Dennis Kim, Ivy Yard '19: Yes
Meghamsh Kanuparthy, Kirkland '16: Abstain
Diana Im, Kirkland '17: Yes
Riya Patel, Kirkland '17: No
Oliver Kim, Leverett '16: Abstain
Isaac Inkeles, Leverett '16: No
Jullian Duran, Leverett '18: No
Dhruv Goyal, Lowell '16: No
Berkeley Brown, Lowell '18: No
Samarth Gupta, Lowell '18: Yes
Mac Schumer, Lowell '17: No
Michelle Sunjoo Lee, Mather '16: Absent
Eduardo Gonzalez, Mather '18: Yes
Al Corvah, Mather '18: No
Alex Popovski, Oak Yard '19: Absent
Camilla Suarez, Oak Yard '19: Yes
Oluwalani Oisaghie, Oak Yard '19: No
Ava Nasrollahzadeh, Pfoho '16: No
William Greenlaw, Pfoho '17: No
Meriton Ibrahimi, Pfoho '18: Yes
Gary Castellanos Reyes, Pfoho '16: Absent
Kevin Hornbeck, Quincy '16: Absent
Wyatt Robertson, Quincy '18: No
Brett Biebelberg, Quincy '16: Abstain
Daniel Levine, Winthrop '17: Yes
Vimal Konduri, Winthrop '17: Absent
Madeleine Stern, Winthrop '18: No

2. At the General Meeting, a representative proposed an amendment that would added a fourth recommendation to address sexual assault: "address the role and engage in dialogue with off-campus student groups, known as final clubs." The amendment passed by roll call vote, 22 – 7 – 10 (22 – 11 – 10 counted below).

Anna Wechsler, Adams '18: Abstain
Jazil Waris, Adams '18: Yes
Scott Ely, Adams '18: No
Cameron Khansarinia, Cabot '18: Abstain
Jacob Steinberg-Otter, Cabot '16: Abstain
Shaiba Rather, Cabot '17: No
Leah Stewart, Crimson Yard '19: No
Nicholas Whittaker, Crimson Yard '19: Yes
Jack Kelley, Crimson Yard '19: No
Yasmin Sachee, Currier '18: Abstain
Taylor Li, Currier '18: Abstain
Ziyad (Ziko) McLean, Currier '18: Yes
Rob Dei Dolori, Dudley '16: Yes
Danny Banks, Dunster '17: No
Ju Hyun (Alice) Lee, Dunster '18: Absent
Rachel Gilchrist, Dunster '18: Absent
David Frankle, Eliot '18: Abstain
Taylor Marquis, Eliot '18: Yes
Phebe Hong, Eliot '16: Yes
Victor Agbafe, Elm Yard '19: Yes
Ashrithaa Anurudran, Elm Yard '19: Yes
Evan Bonsall, Elm Yard '19: Yes
Catherine Zhang, Ivy Yard '19: Absent
Scott Xiao, Ivy Yard '19: Yes
Dennis Kim, Ivy Yard '19: No
Meghamsh Kanuparthy, Kirkland '16: No
Diana Im, Kirkland '17: Yes
Riya Patel, Kirkland '17: Abstain
Oliver Kim, Leverett '16: Abstain
Isaac Inkeles, Leverett '16: Yes
Jullian Duran, Leverett '18: Yes
Dhruv Goyal, Lowell '16: No
Berkeley Brown, Lowell '18: Yes
Samarth Gupta, Lowell '18: Yes

Mac Schumer, Lowell '17: No
Michelle Sunjoo Lee, Mather '16: Absent
Eduardo Gonzalez, Mather '18: Yes
Al Corvah, Mather '18: No
Alex Popovski, Oak Yard '19: Absent
Camilla Suarez, Oak Yard '19: Yes
Oluwalani Oisaghie, Oak Yard '19: Abstain
Ava Nasrollahzadeh, Pfoho '16: Abstain
William Greenlaw, Pfoho '17: Yes
Meriton Ibrahimi, Pfoho '18: Yes
Gary Castellanos Reyes, Pfoho '16: Absent
Kevin Hornbeck, Quincy '16: Absent
Wyatt Robertson, Quincy '18: Yes
Brett Biebelberg, Quincy '16: No
Daniel Levine, Winthrop '17: Yes
Vimal Konduri, Winthrop '17: Absent
Madeleine Stern, Winthrop '18: Yes

Whereas, on September 21st 2015, the Association of American Universities and Harvard University released the results of a sexual conduct survey, conducted in Spring 2015; and,

Whereas the University Task force on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response meets on November 20th, 2015; and,

Whereas the specific mechanisms underlying any recommendation that is presented to the administration will be discussed at a later date; therefore

Be it resolved the UC proposes a three-pronged recommendation package toward addressing the issue of sexual assault on campus; and,

Be it further resolved that these recommendations be addressed to the University Task Force On The Prevention Of Sexual Assault; and,

Be it further resolved that the specifics of the programs will be solidified on later dates, depending upon a full understanding of the constraints for the various proposals; and,

Be it further resolved that the UC propose the following recommendations (details of which can be found below):

1. Increase Capacity For Ethical And Active Bystanders
2. Provide Financial Incentives For Responsible Actions By Student Groups
3. Expand Training and Awareness of Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, Policy, And Resources

1. **<u>Increase Capacity For Ethical And Ethical Bystanders</u>**
    a. Devote resources to increase capacity for ethical and active bystanders at the college
    b. Build out capabilities at the college to operate peer-to-peer bystander intervention program
    c. Integrate program into existing college resources, and establish strategic partnerships (e.g., OSAPR, AODS) to provide necessary support functions (e.g., training, supervision)
    d. Train students to be ethical and active bystanders and place them in both recognized and unrecognized social spaces
    e. Recruit large student staff from diverse social, cultural, and racial organizations (e.g., athletic teams, single-sex social organizations).
    f. Prioritize considerations of confidentiality for the ethical and active bystanders in the context of keeping party assignments anonymous and reporting or feedback accounts anonymous

2. **<u>Provide Financial Incentives For Responsible Actions By Student Groups</u>**
    a. Adjust UC finance policies to incentivize events that promote tangible actions that address the issue of sexual assault on campus
    b. Empower the Finance Committee to deliberate on ways in which they can create financial incentives for student groups that show an active effort to address the problem of sexual assault on campus
    c. Examples of tangible actions that could warrant a financial gift may include (but are not limited to)
        i. Entire board of a student organization has received OSAPR training
        ii. The student organization has signed up to have capacity for ethical bystanders at their social events
    d. These deliberations will take place on Wednesday, November 18th at 8:30pm and all UC members are invited to attend and vote on the proposals presented in Committee
    e. Precedent: Finance Committee Policy changes have taken place in committee, rather than the entire Council at large.
    f. The Finance Committee Chair will announce these changes at the following UC General Meeting on 22nd November.

3. **<u>Expand Training and Awareness of Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, Policy, And Resources</u>**
    Increased education on current sexual assault and Title IX policies at the college,
    a. Trainings may be facilitated by members of sexual health organizations (e.g., CARE, OSAPR at large) and College offices dedicated to promoting safe and inclusive social spaces and practices.
    b. Trainings will be directed toward upperclassmen and will take place 1-2 times a year with potential for renewal.
    c. Trainings will take place at convenient locations within houses in community-based settings (by entryway, class, etc.)
    d. Reevaluate current freshman year training and programming related to sexual assault prevention and response, as well as programs more broadly addressing sexual health and awareness.