



Council of Alberta University Students
Sexual Assault Prevention Policy
Policy #16-01

WHEREAS sexual assault on Alberta post-secondary campuses are a serious problem and impacts thousands of students; and

WHEREAS sexual assault is under-reported in general in Alberta and specifically among post-secondary students; and

WHEREAS Alberta post-secondary institutions have increasingly been under scrutiny in regards to their policies on sexual assault and in some cases their lack of policy altogether; and

WHEREAS some Alberta post-secondary institutions have recently come forward in developing policy on sexual assault and recognize more work needs to be done to combat sexual assault within in our campuses;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to Alberta post-secondary institutions to adopt and review policy that seek to prevent sexual assault with the following principles:

- a. A stand-alone policy on sexual assault, violence, and harassment that covers all students, staff, and faculty;
- b. Policy regarding sexual violence on campus should be easy to understand and clear in regards to policy and the process that is followed;
- c. Terms such as sexual assault, consent, sexual violence, discrimination, survivor, and harassment should be clearly defined within policy;
- d. Survivors should have options to either file legal charges or keep the complaint within the university, as well as options to disclose and not proceed further with an official complaint;
- e. Policy and procedures should include accommodation to prevent conflict including options to ensure that a survivor and their alleged perpetrator are not in the same class, room, or residence;
- f. Confidentiality of a survivor and an alleged perpetrator must be guaranteed by the institution; and
- g. Institutions should not pressure or force a survivor to agree to mediation or agree not to disclose further their experiences.
- h. Strike and support Sexual Violence Action Committees on campus to serve as a support for those victims of sexual violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to enact legislation requiring Alberta's post-secondary institutions to have a stand-alone sexual assault policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to better track sexual assaults at Alberta universities in a publicly reported format that contains common and shared definitions and guarantees anonymity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to support projects that contribute to building a culture of consent on post-secondary campuses.