

Stockton University Student Senate
Resolution SP18-003:
Recommendation to Change Sexual Assault Policy and Promote Students' Victim Support and Resiliency Services

Whereas, the Student Senate is the elected voice of the approximately 9,000 students who attend Stockton University; and,

Citing, a petition that was created and published by Stockton's Fall 2017 Perspectives on Women class, GAH 2358-001, asking the University to take action to support sexual assault victims and has more than 7,300 signatures; and,

Recognizing,

, the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter issued by the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, which outlined a clear framework and policy for publicly-funded institutions to follow when handling reports of sexual assault and gender-based crimes, has been withdrawn; and,

Acknowledging, that the University must continue to follow current Title IX guidelines, including the interim measures issued by the Department of Education in September 2017 as well as future Title IX guidance documents; and,

Concerned, that the University has not properly promoted and maintained victim support and resiliency services on campus, such as the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Center, which provides essential resources to victims of sexual assault; and,

Recommendation to Recommit to the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter

1. Stockton University policy should distinctly state that the University will continue to abide by the guidelines set forth in the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter¹ issued by the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights when handling allegations of sexual assault where possible under the current law and under the interim guidelines issued by the OCR in September 2017² or any other follow-up document that outlines new Title IX guidelines. A link to all necessary documents should also be clearly provided. Specific guidelines that should be followed include:
 - a. A 60-day timeframe for good-faith investigations of sexual assault by the University unless asked to discontinue further investigation

Maintaining and Promoting Accessible, Safe Resources for Victims of Sexual Assault

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