Student Association Support of UWM Sexual Violence Website

WHEREAS, sexual violence is pervasive at colleges and universities and impacts many students.4

WHEREAS, student survivors of sexual violence have the right to be informed of their rights and all of the options and resources they have.

WHEREAS, UWM students and community members deserve an easily accessible and trauma-informed source of information on sexual violence that is easy for students in crisis to understand.

WHEREAS, this source should include comprehensive information on: types of sexual violence, including but not limited to sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic/dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking; the effects of sexual violence on survivors; the rights of student survivors; options and resources for survivors throughout the university and within the local community; and other topics as necessary.

WHEREAS, this source should integrate and unite information from all relevant university offices and resource centers in one place.

WHEREAS, this source should effectively help student survivors to make informed decisions about their future and to have greater autonomy over their healing process.

WHEREAS, such a source does not currently exist.

WHEREAS, the UWM Student Association (SA) Sexual Violence Prevention Working Group has drafted a UWM Sexual Violence Website5 to meet the above requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; SA urges UWM administrators to work with Sexual Violence Prevention Working Group members to review, finalize, and publish the proposed UWM Sexual Violence Website while remaining true to the goals of the website stated above.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; SA urges UWM administrators to work with Sexual Violence Prevention Working Group members to write and publish additional sections of the website with information on sexual violence prevention and other topics not included in the first publishing of the website at the earliest possible date.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; once the new website is published, Sexual Violence Prevention Working Group members shall contact UWM offices and resource centers to market the website.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; SA urges UWM offices and resource centers to notify students of the new website and to encourage students to utilize the website as a resource.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Sexual Violence Prevention Working Group shall work with UWM administrators to create a plan for the long-term maintenance of the website.
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; SA urges the administrators responsible for the maintenance of the website to check the accuracy of the information they are responsible for maintaining and to update this information as necessary prior to the beginning of every spring, fall, and summer semester.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that this resolution be sent to Chancellor Mark Mone, Provost Johannes Britz, Senior Student Affairs Officer Kelly Haag, Vice Chancellor of University Relations Tom Lulijac, Interim Dean of Students Rebecca Freer, Director of Norris Health Center Julie Bonner, Victim Advocate and Survivor Support Coordinator Ellen Gormican, Chief of Police Joseph LeMire, Interim Title IX Coordinator Janelle Ramsel, Office of Equity/Diversity Services Interim Director Jamie Cimpl-Wiemer, Panthers Against Sexual Assault (PASA) President Nataley Neuman, and Student Association Professional Staff.

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2 The Sexual Violence Prevention Working Group’s UWM Sexual Violence Website Draft: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OA3QpMVJSmKM4U31-F0EeGhuyBnBqM7qnpf0CgpZsw/edit.

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