



The State University of New York  
Student Assembly

## Executive Committee

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### RESOLUTION

**TO: Executive Committee**  
**FROM: Zachary Beaudoin, Representative**  
**DATE: 9 Jan 2016**  
**SUBJECT: SHARP**

#### Action Requested

We call on the Rules Committee to draft a procedure in accordance with SUNY's sexual assault and harassment policy for the Student Assembly bylaws that details what to do in the event of a situation.

#### Resolution

I recommend that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNYSA) adopt the following resolution:

Whereas according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are assaulted on a college campuses<sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas each SUNY campus is required to have a Title IX officer with a web based tool to help victims<sup>2</sup>; and

Whereas due to New York State law 129-B—all campuses are required to implement uniform prevention and response policies and procedures relating to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking<sup>3</sup>; and

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[http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications\\_nsvrc\\_factsheet\\_media-packet\\_statistics-about-sexual-violence\\_0.pdf](http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications_nsvrc_factsheet_media-packet_statistics-about-sexual-violence_0.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://system.suny.edu/compliance/topics/equity/title-ix/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2015/S5965>

Whereas SUNY has a student Bill of Rights that is to pertain to each student's rights and procedures when reporting a case of abuse<sup>4</sup> ; and

Whereas many campuses require campus leaders to attend a sexual assault training to be in compliance with Title IX; and therefore, be it

Resolved that the Rule committee along with Campus Safety create or adopt a student's Bill of Rights to be included in the bylaws by March 2016 EC; and, be it further

Resolved that a Sexual Assault and Harassment training in compliance with Title IX be conducted at the beginning of each semester; and, be it further,

Resolved that it is only in the purview of an advisor and/or a SUNY faculty member and/or Title IX officer; and be it further,

Resolved that no students are qualified to handle such matters and if informed of a situation of abuse—it shall be immediately reported to the advisor to be taken care of; and be it further,

Resolved that the Rules Committee along with Campus Safety look at and update SUNYSA's Sexual Assault and Harassment policy to ensure that it is in accordance with SUNY or Title IX—whichever is more stringent by the March 2016 EC meeting; and, finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to the Student Assembly advisors, all Title IX officers, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper within 20 days of being passed by the Executive Committee.

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<sup>4</sup> <http://system.suny.edu/sexual-violence-prevention-workgroup/policies/bill-of-rights/>