



Senate Resolution #3
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Reaffirmation of Support for Major Investments in Sexual Assault Prevention Initiatives

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Whereas, the results of the Survey of Unwanted Sexual Experiences (SUSE) were released one year ago this week on September 21st, 2015, showing 24% of undergraduate women and 7% of undergraduate men reported instances of unwanted sexual contact;

Whereas, on September 21st Rice University released a statement in which the “University vows to strengthen efforts to prevent sexual misconduct”

Whereas, the statement wrote that President Leebron and Provost Miranda “called on the entire community to help address this critically important problem” and that “Leebron and Miranda urged students, faculty and staff to join in what they referred to as a ‘critically important endeavor;”

Whereas, the 2015-2016 Student Association Senate passed Senate Bill 4 supporting the creation of a major education initiative called *Critical Thinking in Sexuality (CTIS)*;

Whereas, CTIS is the only major initiative to combat sexual violence on Rice's campus to have been publicly proposed by students, faculty or staff since the release of the SUSE results one year ago;

Whereas, despite the University's vow "to strengthen efforts to prevent sexual misconduct," CTIS has been greeted with indifference and times disapproval from Allen Center administration;

Whereas, in the year since the release of Survey of Unwanted Sexual Experiences detailing unacceptable realities about the sexual climate at Rice, not a single major new University initiative or program has been implemented; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Student Association recommends that the Office of the President and the Office of Provost reaffirm their commitment to sexual assault prevention and make immediate investments in comprehensive sexual assault prevention initiatives;

Resolved, that the Student Association encourages the President and Provost work with the Student Association and other relevant University offices and groups to holistically examine the state of sexual violence prevention programming at Rice;

Resolved, that the Student Association reaffirms its commitment to the creation of the CTIS program and other similar comprehensive initiatives; and

Resolved, that the Student Association considers the safety and wellbeing of the student body to be the highest priority of the University.



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