



Student Government Resolution 118.007

A Resolution for the Direction in which the Student Government will Advocate for Sexual Assault Prevention

Sponsored by Caroline Costello, Sexual Assault Prevention Designee; Joe Slama, Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Chair; Kathleen Placke, Health, Wellness and Safety Committee Member

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- In its representation of the student body, the Student Government has a unique opportunity to positively influence the lives of Truman students through outreach initiatives; and
- According to a survey of 672 Truman students conducted during spring 2013 by the American College Health Association, 3.9 percent of respondents said that someone had attempted to sexually penetrate them without their consent throughout the past 12 months¹; and
- 2.1 percent of respondents in this same survey also said they were raped during the same timeframe²; and
- According to the same survey, 7.7 percent of respondents reported they had been touched sexually without their consent and 4.3 percent reported they had been stalked³; and
- Given the newly created position by the Student Government of Sexual Assault Prevention Designee this creates the opportunity to also create a new future for the initiative of the position⁴; and
- There is no current legislation which states the direction in which the position should take besides the requirement of a Sexual Assault Prevention Week during the month of April; and

¹ <http://tmn.truman.edu/blog/index-print-edition/examining-sexual-assault-at-truman-2/>

² <http://tmn.truman.edu/blog/index-print-edition/examining-sexual-assault-at-truman-2/>

³ <http://tmn.truman.edu/blog/index-print-edition/examining-sexual-assault-at-truman-2/>

⁴ Student Government Resolution 118.005

- All students may benefit from a unified Sexual Assault Prevention initiative, especially one written and supported by the Student Government; and
- Dr. Lauri Millot, Institutional Compliance Officer, has expressed her strong support for such an initiative; and
- Having a set direction of advocacy will improve the awareness of sexual assault on Truman State University's campus and help to improve sexual assault prevention awareness; and
- This program will need to be reviewed each year in order to ensure relevance; and
- The prevention campaign each year should be reflected in the events of the Sexual Assault Prevention Week put on that year; and
- All members of the Student Government, especially those of the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee, are encouraged to take part in and help during Sexual Assault Prevention Week and any other events hosted by the Designeeship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the creation of a campaign for sexual assault prevention named "The Truman Way"; and
- This campaign for the advocacy of sexual assault prevention at Truman State University will follow the guidelines of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault⁵; and
- Will include aspects of the "It's On Us" campaign that is recommended by the White House Task Force and implemented by other universities such as Michigan State University⁶; and
- Directs that the Sexual Assault Prevention Designee will work closely with the Institutional Compliance Officer to coordinate this campaign and work on events about empowerment and sexual assault prevention for the Student Body; and
- This will be the official campaign that is supported by the Student Government for sexual assault prevention advocacy and promoted during Sexual Assault Prevention Week and any other events hosted by the Student Government in support of sexual assault prevention.

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/images/Documents/1.4.17.VAW%20Event.Guide%20for%20College%20Presidents.PDF>

⁶ <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/05/fact-sheet-final-its-us-summit-and-report-white-house-task-force-protect>

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Truman State University Board of Governors, Executive Vice President for Student Affairs, Janna Stoskopf; Institutional Compliance Officer, Dr. Lauri Millot; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Passed by Unanimous Consent, 12/9/18

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keaton Leppanen".

President of the Student Association, Keaton Leppanen