



National Faculty Day of Action

April 16, 2015

This is the first annual day for faculty to publicly demonstrate their support for sexual assault survivors on their campus, and to raise awareness about the campus rape problem. Here are some ideas for standing with survivors:

Organize a faculty brown bag lunch to discuss sexual assault issues

Meet with survivors to discuss sexual assault issues on campus

Share information about FAR on your campus email list

Distribute FAR ally stickers to fellow faculty

Post messages of support to social media

Write a letter to the student newspaper

Organize a street theater performance

Make/purchase Day of Action t-shirts

Bring a guest speaker to campus

Hold a press conference

Plan a candlelight vigil

Host a film screening

Host a teach-in

Chalk the quad

Host a sit-in

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Faculty Letter to the Editor Template

We, the undersigned faculty, staff, and other allies stand against the serious problem of sexual assault at [INSTITUTION] and at other university and college campuses. Sexual assault causes pain and suffering for survivors, and is in direct opposition to our work of teaching students the knowledge and skills for personal and civic well-being.

We call upon the [INSTITUTION] administration and all other university and college administrations to continuously monitor and update current policies to model best practices in preventing sexual assault on campus. The best policies and practices are those that are based on the interests and concerns of survivors. These include, but are not limited to, those practices that encourage but do not require survivors to report sexual assault to campus employees, a fair and equitable adjudication process, use of strong sanctions to deter offenders, and demonstrably effective prevention practices.

The problem of campus sexual assault can only be effectively addressed if it is fully acknowledged as both a local problem here at [INSTITUTION], and as part of the national and worldwide pandemic of sexual violence. In order to effect change at both local and cultural levels regarding norms of healthy sexuality, we also call upon [INSTITUTION] and all colleges and universities to fully embrace and enforce an affirmative consent standard based explicitly on the verbal, signed, or otherwise clear and unambiguous communication of a non-coerced and enthusiastic “YES.”

We stand with the survivors of sexual assault at [INSTITUTION] and elsewhere. Responsibility for sexual assault lies with perpetrators, with those who actively or tacitly endorse their actions, and with those who maintain and promote the cultural values that foster the perpetration of sexual assault. Intoxication and/or the failure to understand what constitutes sexual assault and rape are no more excuses for committing assault than they are for committing any other crime.

We are committed to changing the culture of sexual assault that is endemic at [INSTITUTION] and elsewhere, with the goal of eliminating sexual violence once and for all. Nothing less is acceptable, and our commitment will continue until this goal is achieved.

In Solidarity with Survivors,

[LIST OF FACULTY NAMES]

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