ASLMU Senate

Resolution

Sexual Misconduct and Assault Resolution

"To be drugged by the comforts of privilege is to become contributors to injustice as silent beneficiaries of the fruits of injustice... an attitude not simply of refusal but of counterattack against injustice; a decision to work with others toward the dismantling of unjust social structures so that the weak, the oppressed, the marginalized of this world may be set free."

- Fr. Pedro Arrupe

- I. Whereas, the time has come for the Loyola Marymount School of Film and Television to take a public stance against sexual misconduct and assault in support of survivors.
- II. Whereas, we recognize through our judicial system all are considered innocent until proven guilty, as individuals for and with others, our silence can be misconstrued as condoning the behavior of those accused of sexual misconduct and assault.
- III. Whereas, to not be in solidarity with survivors of sexual misconduct and assault is to remain complicit in their injustice and active participants of their oppression, which undermines the Marymount and Jesuit values of our Catholic education.
- IV. Whereas, we are entering a new climate within the film and entertainment industry that demands a cultural shift be present in our education not only as a film school, but also as a Jesuit institution.
- V. Whereas, media directed, produced, and starring those accused of sexual misconduct and assault are essential to the education of the whole person and shall not be censored in the classroom. The threefold mission of this university must first begin inside the classroom through engaging discourse about sexual misconduct and assault in the film industry.
- VI. Whereas, the Loyola Marymount University School of Film and Television must set the standard for educating and empowering a new generation of active citizens responsible for cultivating a safe and inclusive film and entertainment industry as creative professionals with and for others.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University and the representatives of the Loyola Marymount University School of Film and Television Undergraduate Student Council, commit to the advocacy of survivors of sexual misconduct and assault and stand in solidarity with them through our Marymount and Jesuit traditions of a Catholic education. To ensure the Loyola Marymount University School of Film and Television shall continue to uphold the promotion of justice through values instilled in the five pillars of a Jesuit education we strongly urge SFTV Dean Rajski to release an official statement condemning sexual misconduct and assault, which has been seen to permeate the film and entertainment industry.

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