

SDSU University Senate Resolution Condemning Gender-Based Violence and Supporting the Rights of Women and Other Vulnerable People

February 21, 2023

WHEREAS, the SDSU University Senate expresses grave concern about the [failure of the legal systems](#) in our city, state and nation to defend the bodily autonomy and rights of girls, women, transgender and all other people who have been or will be [sexually assaulted](#); and

WHEREAS, the Senate has raised serious questions and concerns about the [San Diego County District Attorney's office \(December 7\) decision to not file charges](#) against the former SDSU football players who allegedly sexually assaulted a 17-year old high school student on October 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Senate questions the ability of [Title IX](#), as it is currently structured, to effect any real change in the dynamics and issues in our community that make it possible for gender-based violence to occur repeatedly without consequence, and make our campus unsafe for girls, women, transgender or other people who are vulnerable to sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, as this country [rolls back legislation](#) that protects the rights of women and other vulnerable groups in this country, be it therefore

RESOLVED, the SDSU University Senate reinforce our commitment to shared governance and the creation of a safe, welcoming campus environment for women and other marginalized individuals.

RESOLVED, that the SDSU University Senate support the establishment of a Gender-Based Violence Task Force with the following charge to:

- develop a set of critical goals and
- advise SDSU leadership in the development of a Gender-Based Violence Center and other practices devoted to effect real and lasting change on this campus and in our communities in order,
- create a safe, welcoming environment for those who are vulnerable to sexual assault, and
- address proactively the behaviors of those who would perpetrate sexual assault.

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