

# Motion on Sexual Assault at James Madison University

## Faculty Senate of James Madison University

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Whereas sexual assaults have become an all-too-common occurrence on college campuses across the U.S., undermining the opportunities of victims to succeed in their educational endeavors, and

Whereas JMU is not immune from this problem, and a safe learning environment is necessary for the University to achieve its educational mission,

Whereas, as educators committed to the education of all of our students, we must work together as agents of social change to prevent sexual assaults on our campus, now therefore be it

Resolved that the Faculty Senate

- Stands with the survivors of sexual assault, committing to them the full support of the JMU faculty, responding compassionately and effectively to those affected,
- Applauds the proactive efforts of the University to address sexual assault across campus via the work of several ongoing task forces and committees representing students, faculty, and staff,
- Pledges to continue work towards productive change on this issue, by contributing our best collective thinking to identify best practices in sexual assault prevention, and participating in ongoing training to most effectively support and protect the faculty, staff, and students at our University,
- Affirms that all members of the University community should be committed to applying ethical decision-making standards in the future when working with both individuals reporting and individuals accused of sexual assault, and
- Encourages the Administration to continue to provide a systematic, transparent, and cohesive plan that will lead to effective and lasting change in the culture of our University to ensure that all members of the University community will be free from sexual assaults.