Sense of the Senate Resolution
on Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention
Ohio University Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
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First Reading

*Whereas* Ohio University and its students have experienced public events this academic year that suggest a need for more awareness about rape and sexual consent; and

*Whereas* the faculty of OU are deeply invested in the physical and emotional safety of our students and all other members of the University community; and

*Whereas* new initiatives to educate the OU community about sexual assault have included highly collaborative open meetings and the selection of a new sexual assault awareness and prevention program for incoming students;

*Be it resolved* that the Senate expresses its gratitude to the Division of Student Affairs, the Women’s Center and its staff and volunteers, Student Senate President Anna Morton, and Graduate Student Senate President Joel Newby for their thoughtful and productive outreach around sexual misconduct and attitudes toward it; and

*Be it further resolved* that the Senate commends the individual students who have intervened to improve the safety of OU students and guests, such as the multiple students who alerted Student Affairs as well as the Athens Police to the banner condoning rape at High Fest; and

*Be it further resolved* that the Senate endorses the creation of a climate survey as recommended by the White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault to measure incidence of and perceptions about sexual assault on campus; and

*Be it further resolved* that the Senate will actively support and work with OU offices and student groups to make the campus a respectful, safe, and secure environment for all students, faculty, and staff.