



Resolution Regarding Sexual Assault Alerts

WHEREAS, the University is required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to report “criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus and policies concerning the institution's response to such reports”;

WHEREAS, the University is required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to report “a description of the type and frequency of programs designed to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices and to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others;

WHEREAS, the current university rape or sexual assault alerts include gendered language;

WHEREAS, the current university “safety tips” included in rape alerts can be perceived as victim-blaming; and

WHEREAS, the university aims to be a leader in inclusiveness and campus safety (IU Strategic Plan);


THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly, as the official representative of the graduate and profession student body at Indiana University-Bloomington, that Indiana University should –

- (1) Remove the word “forcible” or “rape by force” from the rape alert emails
- (2) Replace the current “safety tips” with the gender neutral bystander intervention tips and include a link to the bystander page on Culture of Care on all rape alert emails. Potential bystander tips are listed below:
 - a. If you see someone in potential danger, do not assume someone else will step in. As Hoosiers it is the responsibility of everyone to step in and help.
 - b. When engaging in sexual activity, make sure you have your partner’s or partners’ consent.
 - c. Make sure you and your friends get home safe. If you are unable to get home safe, call safety escort.
 - i. Include link to safety escort: <http://safety.indiana.edu/>



- d. Include link to bystander page on Culture of Care on all rape alert emails
 - i. <http://care.indiana.edu/focus-areas/index.shtml>
- (3) Include the following information in rape alert emails: If you feel like you are unable to intervene or it is unsafe to intervene, call 911

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly on this 6th day of March, 2015.



GPSO President

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Date