Central Connecticut State University
UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION

Senate Motion Number FS 15.16.002R

TO: President Jack Miller
FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached resolution of the University Senate, dealing with: Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence Statement on Syllabi is presented to you for your consideration.

2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on 11/09/2015.

3. After considering this resolution, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.

4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.7, the following schedule of action is to be observed.

   a) By 11/18/2015, Senate action reported to the President of the University. (Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).

   b) By 12/07/2015, the President of the University to return the motion to the President of the Senate. (Within ten school days of its receipt).

   11/18/2015
   Date
   Stephen Cohen, President, University Senate

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate
FROM: President Jack Miller

1. Motion Approved: 

2. Motion Disapproved: (Explanatory statement must be appended).

3. Action "is deferred": 

4. Resolution Noted: 

5. Other:

   11/20/15
   Date
   President Jack Miller
A Resolution Supporting a Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence Statement on Course Syllabi

WHEREAS, one in five college women and one in seven college men will be sexually assaulted during their time on campus, while 68 percent of sexual assaults in the last five years were not reported;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these assaults are not reported due to a victim blaming culture on college campuses and a lack of access and/or awareness to institutional resources. Also, because of a lack of understanding of the definitions of rape and consent, shame of the incident, and fear that no one will believe the circumstance;

WHEREAS, taking steps to prevent sexual misconduct and interpersonal violence on campus and educating every student on related definitions, consequences, and resources should be a top priority for Central Connecticut State University and its faculty;

WHEREAS, the syllabus is a reflection of a faculty member's academic and university conduct policies. Course syllabi are distributed to every student in every course across campus, thus making it an ideal vehicle to inform students about the University's policies on sexual misconduct and interpersonal violence;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Student Government Association of Central Connecticut State University endorses the adoption of explicit language regarding sexual misconduct and interpersonal violence policies, including resources, on course syllabi.