

1800 Campaigning for a Title IX equivalent in the UK

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Union Notes:

1. That an NUS study showed that 68% of woman-identifying students had experienced some form of sexual assault
2. That UEA does not have a clear reporting system for reporting cases of sexual assault
3. That UEA has not passed an already written policy regarding the reporting of sexual assault
4. That Title IX, a section of the Education Amendments of 1972 in US Law, states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."
5. That the UK does not have a Title IX equivalent that can be used in favour of survivors of sexual assault
6. That students can find it difficult to focus on their academia knowing that they may see their assaulter at any point on campus
7. That the Zellick Report (1994) advised against universities conducting investigations into anything that could be a criminal offense but UEA only apply this to cases of sexual violence
8. That students who graffiti or cheat in exams are more likely to be excluded from UEA than if they were to commit a crime of sexual violence

Union Believes:

1. That no student should feel unsafe on their campus
2. That the university needs to drastically improve their systems of supporting survivors of sexual violence
3. That cases of sexual violence should be treated equally to other university offenses such as physical assault or harassment

Union Resolves:

1. To mandate the Campaigns and Democracy Officer and the Welfare Officer to campaign for a Title IX equivalent in the UK
2. To support students who campaign against the university until the policy regarding the reporting system is passed
3. To support students who campaign against the university until they improve their support systems for survivors of sexual assault
4. To support students who campaign against the university until they begin to treat cases of sexual violence as they would treat any other criminal offenses.