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Student Leadership Training

The Undergraduate Student Government
Legislative Body
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WHEREAS, identifying and preventing gender-based violence on campus is a key priority and we find it critical to increase awareness on campus amongst students on how to respond to such incidences and react properly in a way that does no harm to the survivor. Moreover, students must be equipped with tools to allow them to understand how to navigate a sexual misconduct reporting process and be aware of their options; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Sexual Assault Prevention Training required for UIC students has been shown to be ineffective in preventing sexual assault due to the disengaging scenarios presented and the undeniable fact that there have been multiple assaults reported on campus, with others that have not been reported. Students need a more engaging discussion and a facilitator who will challenge their thoughts and decision-making process when presented with various scenarios regarding gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS, the Campus Advocacy Network has developed and will be leading a training for all student organizations which will be required for students to participate in as a new requirement for student organization registration including Fraternity and Sorority Life, student athletes and other student leaders in paid or unpaid positions. The training will include survivor-centric workshops that facilitate conversations and dialogues addressing the moral dilemma brought upon students when presented with a situation regarding sexual misconduct. Furthermore, these workshops will help students navigate their options and understand when it is the right time to take action and prevent the occurrence of an act of harassment; and

WHEREAS, failure to complete the training will result in sanctions being placed upon organizations which include but are not limited to: termination of activity for the semester, prohibition of organizing on-campus events, prohibition of reserving on-campus spaces, loss of funds received by a university and disapproval of requests for USG funds; then
LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government demands a leadership training to be required for all registering student organizations including Fraternity and Sorority Life, student athletes and other student leaders beginning Fall 2021 which will be led by staff from the Campus Advocacy Network unit on campus. We recommend further that this training be expanded to be offered to all students at UIC, through the First Year Seminar program.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that USG will work with the Student Affairs Department, Center for Student Involvement and the Student Engagement Office to ensure the training is being implemented and that all student organizations are completing the training.

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