



# **Student Feedback For the President's Task Force**

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# Student Representation

Student representation is one of the most effective ways of enacting change at a University level.

For that reason, students from various organizations and affiliations on campus were invited to participate in the *Student Working Group for Combatting Sexual Violence* under USG's Executive Order 05.

The student representatives were invited due to their expertise in these matters. No student spoke on behalf of their organizations.

The working group was enacted in order to provide a safe, welcoming, student-run environment where advocates could share their concerns and propose solutions regarding issues related to sexual assault at our University. These concerns and ideas are now being relayed to members of the President's Task Force in hopes of developing tangible and long term solutions.



# Primary Concerns

- Prevention Measures
  - What are UConn's current preventative practices? How can they be enhanced and better supported?
- Campus Climate
  - How are students truly feeling? What can the University do better to make students feel safe?
- General mistrust as it pertains to the handling of sexual assault cases
  - Administration & UCPD
- Sense of direction after cases occur
  - Where do students go in different cases? How do they know who to speak with?
- Resource accessibility
  - What are the available resources? How can we make them more readily available?



# USG Student Working Group Recommendations

1. HuskyCT Resources Toolbox
  - a. Digitized Roadmaps, Flowcharts, and Brochures
  - b. Simplifying language and terminology
  - c. Direct links to any and all relevant information
2. Campus Climate Survey
  - a. Offers insight into the opinions and sentiments of students
  - b. Anonymity
3. Audit of Reporting Systems at the University of Connecticut
  - a. Proposal includes bringing in a third-party organization to investigate the effectiveness of various reporting structures that are currently in place.
4. Seamless Access to Immediate Physical/Medical Care and Examinations
  - a. Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)
  - b. Drug Tests
5. Survivor Advocates
  - a. UCPD
6. Advocate for more progressive Title IX policies in Higher Education at a state level