

Executive Directive 02-2021 April 26, 2021

DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT HEALTH & WELLBEING, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND ALL OTHER PERTINENT TEMPLE STUDENT GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL TO UNDERTAKE AND RECOMMEND ALL NECESSARY EFFORTS TO COMBAT SEXUAL VIOLENCE AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution of the Temple Student Government, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Purpose*.

- (a) Instances of sexual assault, harrasment, and other forms of violence and unwanted contact are far too prevalent on college campuses and the world at large.
- (b) As student leaders, Temple Student Government (TSG) must take a highly visible stand against sexual violence in order to contribute to a campus climate that is wholly intolerant of sexual violence.
- (c) The "It's On Us" consent pledge campaign has been undertaken at Temple University in years past, but it must be renewed for a new generation of Temple students.

Section 2. *Definitions.*

- (a) TSG considers "sexual violence" to be any form of unwanted sexual contact, coercion, grooming, or general interaction of a sexual nature.
- (b) The official It's On Us website describes itself as the following: "It's On Us was founded in September 2014 as an initiative of the Obama-Biden White House. The program launched following recommendations from the White House Task Force to Prevent Sexual Assault that noted the importance of calling everyone into the conversation on sexual assault prevention. Over the last six years, It's On Us has grown into the nation's

largest nonprofit program dedicated to college sexual assault prevention and survivor support activating students on hundreds of campuses in our awareness and education programs."

(c) Programs such as <u>Green Dot Etc.</u> provide opportunities for college students to gain certification in sexual assault prevention and awareness strategies.

Section 3. Policy.

- (a) Pertinent TSG personnel shall begin contact with Temple University's chapter of It's On Us to coordinate a massive campaign to begin in the Fall 2021 semester.
- (b) Pertinent TSG personnel shall begin evaluation of and contact with appropriate administrative personnel, departments, clubs, and organizations to bring an effective sexual assault prevention and awareness program for students to gain certification in order to demonstrate their participation in such program(s) and relevant knowledge in prevention and awareness strategies.
- (c) All actions undertaken as a result of this directive shall be communicated to the Wellness Resource Center (WRC) and when appropriate, it is encouraged to coordinate directly with the WRC to utilize existing resources, programs, and contacts.
- (d) Pertinent TSG personnel shall work with relevant administrators and personnel to construct a cohesive, fair process for student organizations officially recognized by the University to require certain officers and/or members to utilize opportunities to participate in such prevention and awareness programs or face losing official recognition and/or be subject to a sanctions process to be determined and communicated at a later date.

(e) Communication with student government associations or equivalent organizations, as well as chapters of It's On Us, of other colleges and universities shall be undertaken to try to spread this commitment renewal.

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