



**RIT Student
Government**

SG 70.01

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE STUDENT GENDER-BASED AND SEXUAL
MISCONDUCT POLICY (D19.0) TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION
ABOUT SANCTIONS IMPOSED FOR POLICY VIOLATIONS**

This resolution is an official statement from RIT Student Government calling for the University to amend the Student Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct Policy (D19.0) to include specific information regarding sanctions imposed when students violate the policy. It is important that the University do everything in its power to create a culture and environment where sexual assault is treated as the serious violation that it is. It is also imperative that the University provide clear and transparent standards of what sanctions students can expect for any of the various violations that fall under Policy D19.0.

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WHEREAS, the current D19.0 policy lists only a broad range of possible sanctions meant to cover the wide range of conduct prohibited by the policy with no distinction, and

WHEREAS, the current D19.0 policy lacks clarity and transparency as to which sanctions students should expect for specific forms of conduct prohibited by the policy, and

WHEREAS, students' knowledge of standards for sanctions given in cases of previous violations of the D19.0 policy is extremely limited due to the confidential nature of these cases, and

WHEREAS, the lack of clarity and transparency in the current D19.0 policy allows for a level of bias in the determination of which sanctions will be imposed in each case, and

WHEREAS, those students considering reporting Title IX related violations to the University may be deterred from doing so because they lack confidence that the University will do anything in response, and

WHEREAS, the University has a responsibility to its students to promote a safe campus environment, and

WHEREAS, those students who demonstrate a pattern of repeated sexual assault violations represent a continued risk to the safety of the campus community, and

WHEREAS, egregious non-consensual sexual intercourse violations have serious and irreversible impacts on survivors, and

WHEREAS, egregious non-consensual sexual intercourse violations represent a threat to the education, well-being, and safety of those students impacted


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the RIT Student Government believes that conduct such as repeated sexual assault violations and egregious acts of non-consensual sexual intercourse cannot be tolerated by the RIT community, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the RIT Student Government asks that the University amend Policy D19.0 to include clear guidelines, such as a sanctioning matrix, that decision makers in Student Conduct must follow when deciding upon sanctions for students found to be in violation of the policy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the RIT Student Government asks that the University amend Policy D19.0 to include the sanction of expulsion for students who have repeatedly been found responsible for cases of sexual assault, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the sanction of expulsion for students who have repeatedly been found responsible for cases of sexual assault shall include all students with a record of separate sexual assault violations even if they have yet to complete any sanctions imposed from their first sexual assault violation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the RIT Student Government asks that the University amend Policy D19.0 to include a recommended sanction of expulsion for students found responsible for non-consensual sexual intercourse unless mitigating circumstances apply.


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This resolution was adopted on February 25, 2022, at Student Government Senate