

INITIATIVE BRIEF

PREVENTING SEXUAL ASSAULT & MISCONDUCT



A university-wide framework to ensure a safe place for all Roadrunners to study, work and live.

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THE CHALLENGE

Like many universities across the nation, UTSA is re-doubling efforts to reinforce its institution-wide commitment to preventing all forms of sexual violence, harassment and misconduct. Recent incidents at institutions around the country and at UTSA point to the need for long-term approaches to bring about cultural change, ensuring the campus is a welcoming, safe and respectful learning environment for all. Key to this initiative will be action plans based on the findings and recommendations from an external review of UTSA's Title IX Office.

THE IMPACT

This initiative will broaden UTSA's programming and outreach efforts in tandem with membership in the Culture of Respect Collective, a rigorous two-year program created by the National Association of Student Personnel Administration and designed to help institutions improve their approaches to addressing sexual violence on their campuses. Once implemented, an expansive set of training opportunities will equip students, faculty and staff with tools for prevention and bystander intervention. Once more, the university will be better positioned to quantify trends and monitor progress through improved incident data governance.

OVERVIEW

The President's Initiative on Preventing Sexual Assault and Misconduct cultivates a zero-tolerance environment for all forms of sexual violence and harassment at UTSA. The initiative elevates university-wide efforts through a framework of task forces charged with tackling various aspects of this critical work. A steering committee will evolve the initiative over time, creating additional pathways for institutional systemic and culture change by gathering input from stakeholders, monitoring progress and proposing changes to policies and procedures when course correction is needed.

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