

Support Survivors of Sexual Violence

The ASWWU is concerned about the vastly under-reported instances of sexual violence on our campus. We strongly believe that with increased support at the state level, more students will be able to access support and legal services with the confidence that their needs will be met. Increased support for survivors will create a healthier campus and community environment, and will help students who experience violence complete their education with fewer roadblocks. We need to see:

- Dedicated funding specifically for the increase of counseling services and specialized personnel, resources, and staff training to better equip the university to respond to sexual violence and involved parties.
- New and supported legislation that closes the gaps between current protection and support services and the actual needs of survivors of sexual violence.
- Development and implementation of a training program for all faculty and staff who interact with students in a supervisory, administrative, or academic capacity. This training program must include education on how to: use inclusive language that doesn't place blame or make assumptions, refer students to the available services on and off campus, encourage students and explain how to report encounters of sexual violence at the university level and beyond, create a safe space in the environment for students who have survived sexual violence.