Sacramento City College
Campus-Wide Issue/Concern Form

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Issue/Concern Violence against Women on Campus
Signature of Initiator(s) <signatures on file>

Provide information, which succinctly but fully discusses the issue/concern (if necessary, add additional pages).

A. Describe the issue/concern:
Sexual assault and other forms of violence appear to be on the rise at SCC. Last semester, in separate incidents, two female students were assaulted in a women’s restroom, both occurring during daytime hours. Over the past couple of years, several other acts of violence have taken place – a woman was assaulted in a stairwell, a faculty member was attacked in the North Gym, and a man exposed his genitalia and masturbated in front of several female students. Although Campus Police alerted the college community by e-mailing a campus crime bulletin over the SCC Exchange and posting these bulletins throughout the campus, no other visible safety and prevention measures appear to have taken place. This appears to be the only campus-wide response that occurs after a crime takes place on campus, and this response is not sufficient. After the first attack in the Business building women’s restroom, the Campus Safety Committee held a meeting, and attendees were assured that an ongoing effort would take place to address violence prevention and safety. Unfortunately, the lack of response to this most recent attack in the Art Court Theater restroom indicates that our violence prevention and safety efforts are woefully inadequate. Moreover, it is clear that our efforts specifically need to address violence against women, particularly since most of the incidents that have taken place involved a female victim and a male perpetrator.

B. What do you recommend or suggest solving this issue/concern?
We suggest that we as a college begin to take a multifaceted approach to preventing and reducing violence on campus. Moreover, we think that this is an opportunity for us to examine our administrative policies, including crime reporting and disciplinary procedures; our security efforts; our crisis intervention and counseling services; and our prevention and education efforts. In order to conduct this assessment, we suggest that a Violence Against Women Prevention Task Force be established that is comprised of faculty, staff, administrators and students. The charge of the task force would be to examine each of the above components (and to identify any additional elements) and to provide specific recommendations and implementation strategies.

C. How will this recommendation support the success of SCC students and benefit the campus community?
Personal safety is a basic psychological need. Our students will be more likely to achieve success and continue with their education at SCC if they feel welcome, respected, and safe. The same is true for our faculty and staff – promoting campus safety and engaging in violence prevention efforts will, we believe, promote a more positive workplace environment.

Please return this form to the Process Coordinator, Nelle Moffett, RN 221. The Initiator will be notified within 5 working days as to the committee or council that will review this issue/concern.

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