



ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7-036

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT MANDATORY CONSENT AND MUTUAL RESPECT
TRAINING FOR INCOMING UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN THEATRE AND FILM
STUDENTS**

- WHEREAS,** The University of Michigan, in its Expect Respect statement, states “we can create and maintain a respectful and inclusive environment that provides the support and opportunity necessary for each member of our community to prosper and achieve”; **AND**¹
- WHEREAS,** 54% of American women have experienced unwanted and inappropriate sexual advances. 30% of women have endured this behavior from male colleagues and 25% identified these men as having “sway” in their careers; **AND**²
- WHEREAS,** In a recent survey of 843 women in the Entertainment Industry, 94% claim they’ve experienced harassment or assault. Out of this number, 69% were touched in a sexual way, 64% were propositioned for a sexual act, and 21% were forced to engage in a sexual act; **AND**³
- WHEREAS,** The University of Michigan Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct found that 11.4% of all students, 22.5% of undergraduate females and 6.8% of undergraduate males were survivors of some form of sexual assault on the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor campus; **AND**⁴
- WHEREAS,** There have been countless allegations of sexual harassment and disrespectful practice inside theatre and film classroom settings, due to their unique and intimate nature; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Students studying theatre and film are responsible for creating the future culture of the entertainment industry; **AND**

¹ <https://expectrespect.umich.edu/>

² <http://fortune.com/2017/10/17/me-too-hashtag-sexual-harassment-at-work-stats>

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<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/people/2018/02/20/how-common-sexual-misconduct-hollywood/1083964001/>

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<http://ns.umich.edu/new/releases/22978-u-m-releases-results-of-campus-climate-survey-regarding-sexual-misconduct>

WHEREAS, It is the university's responsibility to assist them with education in that respect; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, Central Student Government (CSG) will address sexual harassment and assault in the entertainment industry by focusing on consent education for students studying theatre and film; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, CSG demands access to prevention resources to combat these issues at the root, inside our classroom spaces which are integral to the development of young artists; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, CSG supports mandatory consent and mutual respect training for incoming students in SMTD Department of Theatre and Drama, SMTD Department of Musical Theatre, LSA Screen Arts and Cultures Department, and LSA Residential College Department of Drama; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution will be distributed to above established University of Michigan Department Chairs, the SMTD and LSA DEI implementation leads, Dean of Students Office, Office for Institutional Equity, Title IX Coordinator, LSA Office of the Dean, and SMTD Dean's Office.

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