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Alberta Students Applaud the Reform of Campus Sexual Violence Policies

Today the Government of Alberta announced a new grant of \$2.5 million which will be provided to post-secondary institutions to support campus sexual violence training and awareness programs on campuses. In addition, the Government will be conducting on-campus surveys to solicit feedback, information, and recommendations. Finally, Alberta's institutions are being asked to update their campus sexual violence policies by the end of 2022 to make institutions more survivor-centric.

The Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC) would like to recognize the importance of the announcement today which signifies a major step forward in the reform of campus sexual violence policies and will help Alberta's campuses be more survivor-centric.

"Albertan students want to feel safe and secure on campus, but what's more, they must feel comfortable coming forward when things go wrong. Steps toward strong, survivor-centric policies across the entire province must be applauded at every one of our campuses, and the government has an important role to play in driving those steps forward."

Liam Hunter

Chair, Alberta Students' Executive Council

ASEC, the SAIT Students' Association, and Students for Consent Culture collaborated in 2020 to release a call for these reforms and we have been advocating diligently for these changes since. It is encouraging to see Alberta's advanced education sector make positive changes like the ones announced today. We look forward to continuing to work with the Government of Alberta, COPPOA, and all student organizations across the province to continue to fight for sexual violence prevention policies and funding moving forward.

"The student movement appreciates the work done by this government towards proper protection surrounding campus sexual violence. Though these are only the first steps, they are critical to shaping the future of the student experience moving forward. We look forward to furthering commitments towards policy reform for students now and of the future."

Savannah Snow

Director of the Board, Alberta Students' Executive Council

ASEC exists to support post-secondary student leaders by providing advocacy, networking, and professional development. We represent over 110,000 students from 17 university, college, and polytechnic students' associations. We work with all orders of government and call upon them to provide a healthy, safe, and equitable campus experience for all students.

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