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The Campus Recreation & Wellness Center Safety Act

Whereas, the University of Houston reported instances of Disorderly Conduct and Harassment at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center (Rec) in the short span of 12 days;

Whereas, recent social media posts have brought to light students' personal experiences with discomfort at the rec due to stalking and harassment;

Whereas, the Recreation and Wellness staff is committed to maintaining student safety as a high priority;

Whereas, Equal Opportunity Services and UHPD help to train Recreation and Wellness staff members on upholding their respective policies;

Whereas, Recreation and Wellness staff members are mandatory reporters of Title IX Infractions, such as the University's Sexual Misconduct Policy or Discrimination and Harassment policy;

Whereas, students that breach these policies are violating the Student Code of Conduct and may be subjected to sanctions imposed by the Dean of Students, which may include, but are not limited to, barring violators from entering the Recreation Center temporarily;

Whereas, Recreation and Wellness staff will be immediately notified when students who are barred from accessing the facility attempt to enter, and will prevent them from doing so;

Whereas, Recreation and Wellness administrators have recently increased the amount of trainings to help staff members recognize inappropriate behavior and report it to the proper authorities.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center implements the following changes:

- (1) Posting signage with instructions throughout the facility on how to report suspicious behavior;
- (2) Posting signage with instructions by the entrances on how to request a UHPD escort to/from cars and residential halls;
- (3) Increasing UHPD presence throughout the facility to assist staff members with enforcing sanctions and creating a safer atmosphere for Rec users;
- (4) Adding questions to current Rec surveys sent out to users that assess personal experiences with safety, comfort, and resource awareness within the Rec.



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