

Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA)

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Who is SASA? Why were we organized?

SASA was originally created to protect students against sexual assault and discrimination at SJSU, and ensure every student is able to be provided a safe and supportive environment through Title IX protection.

Back in 2009, an SJSU faculty member, Scott Shaw, sexually assaulted and abused multiple students apart of the athletics team. His disturbing actions were reported and continuously disregarded, resulting in Shaw being able to continue his acts of abuse for another ten years until he finally resigned in 2020.

WHAT ARE WE DEMANDING?

- **WE DEMAND THAT COMPLICIT STAFF BE REMOVED FROM THE TITLE IX OFFICE (ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN PAST VIOLATIONS)**
- **WE DEMAND ALL SIX POSITIONS OF THE TITLE IX OFFICE BE FILLED (THERE ARE CURRENTLY AROUND 36,000 STUDENTS HERE AT SJSU)**
- **WE DEMANDED THE SJSU CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE RELEASE THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT OF THE ABUSE THAT OCCURED ON CAMPUS**



WHO ARE WE TARGETING?

INTERIM PRESIDENT STEPHEN PEREZ

AND

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF TITLE IX PETER LIM

- This has now changed: President Perez has recently stepped down and President Cynthia Teniente-Matson is our new target.
- We're unsure if she will be an ally or someone we'll have to work against to have our current and future demands met.

- Peter Lim is an interim employee that was brought in from Cozen O'Connor Law Firm to help rebuild the Title IX Office.
- Before coming to SJSU he was a senior Title IX investigator at the University of Pennsylvania and prosecutor in the Special Victims Unit at the Philadelphia DA's Office

Peter Lim



President Perez



LEADERSHIP



- New leadership
- Rocky start
- Combining campaigns
- Miscommunication
- Large group
- Be clear!



Group Dynamics

12 current members (3 alumni MSW students, 9 FA22 SOCI-164 students) Karlie, Alex, Jocelyn, Vanessa, Yomaira, Mykel, Aly, Michelle, Sabrina, Linda, Viri, Juan

Strengths:

We try to distribute tasks fairly

We value honesty and talking through challenges

We recognize each other's interests when deciding who does what

We embrace diverse leadership styles and rotate meeting facilitators

We create a culture of accountability

We celebrate small victories

We pulled off a successful rally in just a couple weeks

We HAVE FUN!

Challenges:

Coordinating schedules

Learning curve

Power dynamic

Work/life/school balance

Building Power

- We built power by hosting tabling events on campus to recruit students into our campaign.
 - One strategy we used was giving out free candy
- It was successful because we got a lot of people to show up to our press release and sign up for updates on our Instagram
- We would suggest to be open minded, be confident, and be informative

Campaign Activities

- We held a tabling event on 7th St. in front of the Student Wellness Center where we also passed out flier
- We did flyering for the following events:
 - Department of Justice (DOJ) office hours on SJSU campus
 - Our rally for Title IX (10/12/2022)
- We also passed out fliers that provided general information about SASA along with our contact information and demands
- We had multiple meetings throughout the semester (in-person and via zoom)

Campaign Actions

- SASA had two tabling events at the beginning of the semester.
- SASA also held a press conference/rally on Oct. 12, 2022.

Suggestions: Start planning early!

