#AGreatPlaceToBeUnsafe: An Open Forum on KU’s Mishandling of Sexual Assault

Thank you for being here with us students, community friends, and KU staff! Welcome to our student organized, student and survivor centered forum for sharing concerns, stories, information, suggestions, and challenges surrounding sexual assault and policies at The University of Kansas. We welcome anyone to share their stories and thoughts. Your experiences matter and we have organized to hear them.

Please tweet! Make your thoughts and suggestions visible on our Solidarity Wall by tweeting thoughts with hashtags #AGreatPlaceToBeUnsafe, #IOAfailedto, or any of the posted hashtags on Twitter.

Oh Snap!: Oh Snap! Photography has a booth ready for you to send a message to the KU Administration. Tell your story with the chalkboard!

Need moral support?: We would like to emphasize that survivors come first at all times. GaDuGi Safe Center will have advocates available for people who need to talk during the event.

About Media: all media members are required to wear identification.

Don’t want to be filmed?: if you do not wish to be filmed or photographed or recorded, please find an event coordinator to get a red tape ‘X’.

Mandated reporters: since we will be talking about sexual assault on campus, please be aware that there will be members of the crowd whose staff positions require them to make a report if they hear someone telling an experience that has not been reported. Using only first names in a story will limit the chances of a report being made.

Sign the demands petition: In person or online at http://bit.ly/kudemands

September Siblings: Inspired by the February Sisters. we are demanding accountability from KU regarding sexual assault. https://www.facebook.com/SeptemberSiblings/ http://septembersiblings.blogspot.com/
September Siblings Demands:

1) Immediate investigation by the Provost’s Office into the conduct of the offices of Institutional Opportunity & Access and Student Affairs.

2) Install a victim’s advocate within the University Judicial Process, utilizing GaDuGi SafeCenter.

3) Immediate budget increase to $35,000 for the Emily Taylor Center for Women & Gender Equity.

4) Mandatory sexual assault training for all KU students that is comparatively rigorous to AlcoholEdu.

5) The minimum punishment for sexual assault and harassment must exceed the punishment for plagiarism.

6) Revision of KU’s sexual assault and harassment adjudication and sanctioning policies, to be completed before 2015.

7) Performance of said revisions by a committee of at least 51% students, and final approval by the Student Senate.

8) Re-investigating cases of professors, admin and students still at KU who were accused of sexual assault and harassment.

9) Allow for filers from 2012-present to appeal IOA decisions to a new panel.

10) Elimination of the term “non-consensual sex.” It is rape.