Statement on Recent Sexual Assaults on Campus

For Immediate Release:
PITTSBURGH, PA (October 7, 2022) — As student leaders at Pitt, we express our solidarity with survivors of sexual violence on and around our campus. We are aware of the stark and harrowing reality of sexual violence at Pitt and are dedicated to ensuring students are supported. We hear you and we stand with you.

We call on all of us, including our university, to take action to make Pitt a safe environment for everyone and to better support survivors. We are dedicated to engaging with and amplifying the voices of community groups to enact changes and create a call to action for our administration based on your feedback. We will promote an open dialogue between students and administration.

Now it is more important than ever to utilize your voices. We will continue to work with you and campus organizations currently engaged in sexual violence prevention to ensure the administration hears your concerns. We want to make our campus safe.

We are working with the University to host a town hall to hear your concerns, and have also provided several resources below that support survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

- RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
- Pittsburgh Action Against Rape 24-Hour Confidential Helpline: 1-866-363-7273
- Pittsburgh Action Against Rape Website: https://paar.net/

In solidarity,

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