



The National Association of Graduate and Professional Students Statement Regarding Community Engagement

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The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) seeks to amplify the voice of our membership while empowering them to be leaders on their respective campuses and establish progressive change. The issue of sexual misconduct has become a particular focus due to the uniquely vulnerable position in which our constituency is placed.

To advance efforts to prevent and effectively respond to sexual harassment, the National Association of GraduateProfessional Students will seek to engage our constituency in the following ways by:

- **Providing detailed updates to the NAGPS Advocacy Committee and Board of Directors regarding the Action Collaborative's objectives and progress;**
- **Seeking first-hand accounts from members of its constituency to help establish continued awareness of the specific sex-based discrimination faced by graduate and professional students;**
- **Engaging our individual institutions (who are performantly not members of the collaborative) on enacting policies consistent with the Collaborative's recommendations and the previously published Report on Sexual Harassment of Women;**
- **Engaging and empowering NAGPS constituency to promote positive changes on their respective campuses including the following areas:**
 - **healthy and productive mentorship between Graduate/Professional Students and advisors and mentors;**
 - **Stronger and customized mental health support for Graduate/Professional Students;**
 - **Protection of funding and other support for Graduate/Professional Students in the event of alleged sexual harassment/hostile environment;**
 - **Developing and maintaining working relationships with members of Congress and their staffs in advocating for policies that promote the health and well-being of graduate students.**