

**Statement of Current and Former Graduate Students of the Department of Philosophy
Against Sexual Violence in the Ateneo de Manila University**

15 October 2019

Today, we protested with members of the Loyola Schools community—undergraduate students, graduate students, alumni, and faculty members—against sexual violence and the culture of silence and impunity in the University. We asserted that sexual violence has long been a persistent, unresolved issue of the Ateneo community, and decried that students continue to fear for their safety. We expressed our continuing solidarity with victims of sexual harassment.

Over the years, there have been numerous allegations of sexual harassment against faculty members of the University. The seriousness of the allegations is evidenced by their persistence and consistency, to the extent of revealing patterns of abusive behavior over the years. In recent years, these stories have normally been coursed through social media, where they trend on Twitter, or are posted anonymously on the ADMU Freedom Wall or Ateneo Rantbox. However, even after generating much attention from the student body, the community remains frustrated about the administration's lack of action and the priority placed on the University's name, at the expense of the safety of the students.

Much has been said to discredit these accounts, including the perceived unreliability of information from social media. Other responses suggest that victims keep quiet and submit themselves to the processes. However, at this point, responses like these have become ineffective, if not insensitive and irresponsible. The public discourse surrounding the issue—online and offline—exhibits the students' discontent and lack of trust in the University's commitment to pursue and resolve complaints of sexual violence against its faculty.

It has become increasingly apparent that the system in place is not enough to ensure the safety of the students, justice for the victims, and accountability of the perpetrators. The processes are difficult for victims to navigate, and the outcomes incommensurate to the offenses. These processes have not only failed to hold the perpetrators accountable—in certain cases, they have resulted in even more pain and trauma for the victims. The system, including the procedures and composition of the Committee on Decorum and Investigation, remain opaque. This lack of transparency protects the harassers and makes the process vulnerable to abuse. Sexual violence is a communal concern and should not be shrouded in secrecy.

Sexual violence on campus has been allowed to persist by a culture of chronic silence. As part of the Ateneo Philosophy community, we have seen this enabling culture, which is part of a larger culture of misogyny and sexism, in the Department.

This enabling culture is manifested in the casual and common use of misogynist, homophobic, sexist, and objectifying language by faculty members. In speaking about the issue, faculty members tend to be defensive of their colleagues and dismissive about the seriousness of the allegations. The Department has also not directly addressed the issue of sexual violence—not in its Departmental meetings, nor in any consultations with its current and former students. The culture of silence has been exacerbated by gag orders and other constraints imposed by the administration.

In view of the gravity of the issue and the culture that creates and maintains the conditions for it, we reiterate the calls made during today's mobilization:

1. **Accountability:** Immediate action on cases that have already been filed, and the reopening of the cases of Jesus Principe and Mary Thomas.
2. **Transparency:** Public disclosure of the composition of the Committee on Decorum and Investigation, and the results of their investigations so far.
3. **Student safety:** Keep sexual predators away from students. No contact hours with students for Jesus Principe and Mary Thomas.
4. **Policy:** Pass a faculty code of conduct with strong anti-sexual misconduct provisions laying out clear punishments for sexual violence.

We call for the broader Ateneo community to support the fight for a university free from sexual violence. This is not a fight that the students should have to face alone. We call on faculty, formators, staff, alumni, students, parents, and all other members of the community to support these demands, and add their voice to the call for accountability and justice. We urge the administration to listen to the cries of the community. The onus of maintaining a safe community falls on all of us, most especially on the faculty in ensuring proper boundaries in their relationships with students, and on the administration in protecting its students and proactively investigating and addressing cases of sexual harassment.

If Ateneo is truly committed to the pursuit of social justice, it needs to confront the hard truth: the campus is unsafe, the processes have failed us, and the University is complicit.

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