ISSUE + DEMANDS | Light Pollution on the Santa Monica College Campus

SFS: Students for Stars
... Dim the lights, bring back the nights

Issue: The SMC campus light fixtures in the evening contribute to light pollution, disrupting ecosystems that thrive in darkness, as well as wasting valuable campus resources.

ORIGINAL DEMANDS	STATEMENT	DETAILS
1	Use only warm color lights where possible	Thoughts for Demand 1 is to have the students consider what is the minimal number of lights they would accept. How many lights are there in total on campus? How much would these warm color lights cost to replace, and how much human power would it need to do this (cost?). In light of the cost, what is a reasonable amount for the students to demand?
2	Use low level targeted fully shielded lighting	For Demand 2, does "low level targeted downward facing lighting" come as a light, or will poles and mechanisms need to be changed. Again, how many are there and what is the minimum amount acceptable for the students? How much will this cost to have low level targeted downward facing lighting.
3	Use strategic timers on lights to account for usage where applicable.	For Demand 3, how many strategic timers will be needed, and how much will it take to install them?
UPDATED/FINAL DEMANDS	**STATEMENT**	**DETAILS**
1	Demand that SMC alter stadium lights in line with dark-sky standards	Alter lights on corsair field to be more in line with dark sky guidelines, especially on nights where the stadium isnt in usuage
2	Demand that SMC uses money saved to light underlit spaces	Use money saved from decreased energy consumption to implement dark sky lights in underlit areas around the stadium
3	Demand that SMC implement a light pollution reduction plan into the SMC Campus Plan	Incorporate light pollution reduction plan into SMC's long term Climate Action and Campus plans, aligning SMC with the larger Santa Monica Climate Goals as well as the UN SDG Goals

CAMPAIGN TARGET AND DECISION MAKER

Our research led to our final target and decision maker being Ms. Sasha King
After speaking to various department representatives and heads, Ms. King was consistently named as the person to meet and help us take our campaign to the next step.
However, upon finally connecting and speaking with her, she voiced that she may not be the final individual to make decisions.

Regardless, she conducted meetings regarding our topic and light pollution on campus with other campus staff members and teams.
In the beginning of the Spring term, the Students for Stars team is working to establish their own one on one meeting with her, and/or with her and other potential decision makers that were introduced to us.

In the Spring 2026 tern, the Students for Stars team will continue building power with existing targets and decision makers, and will work to establish potential others ones.