

Southwestern University
Title IX Compliance Committee
Update to the Community, April 6, 2015

Dear Campus Community,

This is an update on the actions and events, both planned and completed, since the Title IX Compliance Committee's weekly update dated March 30, 2015. All updates are posted on the Title IX Compliance Committee website, <http://www.southwestern.edu/titleix/committee/>

- The Sexual Climate Survey (for students) administered by Higher Education Data Sharing consortium (HEDS) opened on Thursday, March 19, 2015 and **closes Thursday, April 9, 2015**. Any students who have not yet completed the survey are encouraged to do so before the closing date.
- The University's legal counsel and the Title IX Leadership team met on April 2, 2015. Below are the items discussed and the action taken and/or status:
 - o to explore what other information, beyond the Clery Act disclosures, we may legally provide on a regular basis concerning investigations, outcomes/sanctions, and locations AND to review upcoming regulatory requirements: these two items were jointly discussed due to Clery Act changes beginning July 1, 2015. One of the changes will likely have the effect of increasing the number of incidents included on the University's "Introduction to Campus Safety" report (also referred to as the "Clery Report"), which can be found on the Safety & Security webpage <http://www.southwestern.edu/studentlife/safety/> as a link to a pdf <http://www.southwestern.edu/live/files/3709-2013-introduction-to-campus-safety>
 - o for continued review of the University's current student judiciary process: two main items were discussed; 1) the appeal process – it was determined that the University could consider revisions to the appeal process, including increasing the number of reviewers from one (the Vice President for Student Life) to three (the Vice President for Student Life and two Hearing Board members). The appeals section of the Student Sexual Misconduct policy will be part of the review conducted by the Task Force (see update below), 2) placing a notice on a student's transcript regarding disciplinary actions such as sexual misconduct. It was agreed that this issue will require further study and recommendations will be forthcoming.
- Jerry Brody, Vice President for Student Life, completed appointing members to a Task Force of students, faculty, and staff to review the Student Sexual Misconduct Policy and make suggestions for revisions to the Student Handbook, if possible, prior to finalizing/printing the 2015/2016 Student Handbook (June 1, 2015). The Task Force had its first meeting on Thursday, April 2nd, and is scheduled to meet again this week to continue its work. Members of the Task Force include: (chair) Jerry Brody, (students) Tommy Frasier, Dani Lilly, Bryony McLaughlin, Katie Morgan, (staff) Maria Pena, Judy Sonnenberg, Jaime Woody, (faculty) Elaine Craddock, Jim Kilfoyle, Alison Marr, and Omar Rivera.
- The Sexual Assault Risk Reduction Committee (SARR) met on April 2nd, and is in process of scheduling their next meeting. SARR is coordinating the following programs/activities in the coming weeks (Please check Campus Notices for more information):
 - o Another session of Bystander Intervention Training is scheduled for April 20th from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Faculty, staff, and students who have not attended a previous session are encouraged to attend.

- Coordinating/hosting a number of Information Tables on the Academic Mall, including Health Center, CONSENT, Bystander Intervention, Planned Parenthood, Hope Alliance, Art therapy, and more.
 - “Denim Day” is tentatively planned for April 29th.
- A sub-group of the Title IX Compliance Committee met with University Communications staff on April 6th to review the web pages related to Title IX (Title IX home page, regulatory overview, Counseling Services, Safety and Security, Health and Safety, Human Resources, Help for Sexual Assault/Sexual Misconduct (Yellow Book), etc.) This group will continue its work and meet again on April 13th.
- Other upcoming programs/activities:
 - The Counseling Center will conduct a training session for all Greek Women entitled “Real Talk” on April 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. This session focuses on how to talk with someone who is a victim/survivor of sexual assault/sexual misconduct. This program will be provided to other groups, Resident Associates, athletic teams, etc. and, per request, to any other group which is interested. Please contact the Counseling Center to make arrangements for your group.
 - “Take Back the Night” has been scheduled for April 19, 2015.
 - Megaphone, Public Service Announcement will continue to be placed in every issue.