



Executive Summary

In March 2017, Suffolk County Community College participated in the SUNY Sexual Violence Prevention (SVP) Campus Climate Survey. The survey was administered to students, faculty and staff. By SUNY policy this uniform survey ascertains faculty and staff awareness of policies and resources, and student experience with and knowledge of reporting and college adjudicatory processes for sexual harassment, including sexual violence and other related crimes.

Results indicated that faculty and staff are generally aware of the policies and laws, and resources. Over 86% agreed or strongly agreed that they know how to advise students where to get help if they were sexually assaulted; and over 69% agreed or strongly agreed that they understand what happens when a student reports sexual assault at the college.

There is an indication that more information, outreach, and communication is needed to provide resources and to faculty and staff. While a majority of respondents understood the Title IX Coordinator's role in receiving reports, coordinating responses, ensuring training, and providing reporting individuals with accommodations, 9% of the 490 respondents indicated they were unsure of the Title IX Coordinator's role.

58% of student respondents indicated that they were aware of policies and procedures specifically addressing sexual assault and 20% indicated that they were unaware of how to report sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking to the college. It is our commitment to ensure that we increase student's knowledge of avenues to report and who the Title IX Coordinator is.

The College's Title IX Coordinator, Cabinet members, and other administrators have reviewed the results. A committee comprised of the Title IX Coordinator and Deputy coordinators will communicate and meet with departments such as Mental Health Services, Student Health Services, Counseling, Campus Activities, Public Safety, and Academic Affairs to review specific results and to further detail recommendations based on the findings.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Christina Vargas, Chief Diversity Officer/Title IX Coordinator at vargasc@sunysuffolk.edu.

Background

The College has made a renewed commitment to addressing issues of sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. For example, there have been resources devoted to establishing a comprehensive Mental Health Services program, who are critical in providing confidential services and referrals. There has been comprehensive training to enhance Public Safety's response; media and educational campaigns devoted to Domestic Violence prevention and awareness; as well as face to face training provided to faculty, staff, counselors, and students by the Title IX Coordinator and deputy coordinators over the last several years. In addition, there has been the implementation of online training to educate on sexual violence prevention and these classes have been taken by over 2800 faculty and staff. Given this increase in activity, the College is interested in understanding areas of effectiveness and areas of need within the college community.

Suffolk County Community College administered the SVP climate survey during a three week period in March 2107 to all students, faculty, and staff at the College on all three campuses. The survey was administered online and introduced via a college email communication. A total of 24,634 faculty, staff, and students were issued the survey.

72% of students indicated they believe it is "very likely" or "likely" that a fellow student will call for help/call 911 if they hear a neighbor yelling "help" and 75% indicated they think a fellow student will get help and resources for a friend who t

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Sexual Harassment and Title IX Complaints resource page:

<http://department.sunysuffolk.edu/LegalAffairs/5122.asp>

Suffolk CCC Title IX Brochure:

http://dephome.sunysuffolk.edu/LegalAffairs/Docs/BOTPolicies/Title_IX_Brochure_2016_FinalVersion_722516B.pdf

Student Code of conduct: http://dephome.sunysuffolk.edu/LegalAffairs/Docs/F7_Student_Code_of_Conduct.pdf

Students Bill of Rights: http://dephome.sunysuffolk.edu/LegalAffairs/Docs/F7_Student_Code_of_Conduct.pdf

Sexual Violence Response Policy:

<http://dephome.sunysuffolk.edu/LegalAffairs/Docs/BOTPolicies/SexualViolenceResponsePolicy2015.pdf>

Definition of Affirmative Consent:

<http://dephome.sunysuffolk.edu/LegalAffairs/Docs/BOTPolicies/DefinitionAffirmativeConsent2015.pdf>