



Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Assault

**Task Force Meeting
November 5, 2014
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

AGENDA

1. Introduction - Steve Hyman
2. The MIT Survey on sexual assault - presentation & discussion with Cynthia Barnhart, MIT Chancellor (The link to the survey results is <http://web.mit.edu/surveys/health/MIT-CASA-Survey-Summary.pdf>)
3. Approval of the minutes from September 12th meeting
4. Updates from the sub-committee chairs



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Minutes of the November 5, 2014 Meeting

Cynthia Barnhart, Chancellor at MIT, joined the first portion of the meeting to discuss MIT's recent climate survey. Chancellor Barnhart shared an overview of the MIT working group's membership and survey design process and reflected on the lessons she and MIT learned. She stressed the difficulties of timing and importance of community outreach throughout the process. The Chancellor was also generous in responding to the many questions asked by the Task Force members, both about the survey and ways in which Harvard might proceed.

After meeting with Chancellor Barnhart, the group approved the minutes from the September 12 meeting and heard updates from each of the subcommittees. The outreach and communications subcommittee has been working with student leaders and administrators at the various schools to schedule workshop sessions throughout November. The subcommittee plans to use the data collected in these workshops to inform the work of the survey design subcommittee, as well as plans and ideas moving forward.

The research subcommittee is continuing work on a literature review, focusing on research in two areas: 1) risk and prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses and 2) intervention programs that have been effective.

The climate survey subcommittee has been collaborating with the Ivy League and Association of American Universities. The AAU has engaged Westat to develop a climate survey that will be administered by a group of participating institutions in April 2015.