



Meeting – Agenda

Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Assault
September 12, 2014
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Massachusetts Hall – Perkins Room

- Introduction and Task Force timeline - Steve Hyman
- Approval of the minutes from May 6, 2014 Meeting - Alison Johnson
- Updates from the Summer
 - SHARE & Task Force websites - Leah Rosovsky
 - Policy rollout, trainings, and community meetings - Mia Karvonides
 - OSAPR staffing - Alicia Oeser
 - Orientations - Sarah Wald
- Subcommittees
 - Research - Lisa Berkman
 - Survey Design - David Laibson
 - Outreach & Communication - Stephanie Khurana
- Next steps

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Minutes of the September 12, 2014 Meeting

The meeting began an introduction by the Chair and approval of the minutes from the May 6 meeting.

Members of the Task Force then shared updates on work accomplished over the summer. The central website portal for University resources on sexual assault, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Education (SHARE), was created and is now live at share.harvard.edu. Next steps on this project include soliciting feedback from faculty and students and increasing awareness of the resource on campus. The Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (OSAPR) has increased its staffing levels to five full-time employees and is in the process of hiring a sixth.

The Title IX Officer then gave an update on the rollout of the University Sexual Harassment Policy, announced in July. The Office for Sexual and Gender-Based Dispute Resolution (ODR) has opened and two community-wide meetings were held by the Title IX Office in September. Each School informed its new students of this policy during an Orientation session and the Task Force plans to facilitate information sharing between the Schools' Title IX Coordinators to improve these efforts in the future.

Each of the Task Force's three sub-committees also gave an update on its work over the summer. The Sub-Committee on Research will conduct a literature review on issues surrounding sexual assault on college and university campuses this fall. The Climate Survey sub-committee is collaborating with peer institutions from the Ivy League and Association of American Universities to design a common "climate survey," to be administered this academic year. Finally, the Sub-Committee on Outreach and Communications is working to organize a series of School-based outreach sessions in November. Looking forward, members discussed the possibility of holding some joint meetings in the fall.