

Title IX Campus Climate Assessment 2017 Summary

November 2017

In an effort to understand the extent of student engagement with ASA's Policies and Procedures related to Title IX and New York State's Article 129-B (*Enough is Enough*), ASA College conducted an anonymous Campus Climate survey to ascertain students' general awareness of and knowledge of ASA's Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures on its campuses. The survey was also conducted to gauge ASA's compliance with requirements under the law, and to improve the College's handling of possible incidences of sexual misconduct on campus – increasing awareness through education and training, improving our reporting processes and to encourage reporting by ASA's students.

Demographic and survey format

The survey, conducted through Survey Monkey, was distributed to currently enrolled students at the two New York City campuses and consisted of twelve multiple choice questions. The format also allowed students the opportunity to provide write-in comments for each question.

ASA received its first response on July 11, 2017 and continued receiving responses through November of 2017 for a total response of 147. The majority of responses were received in the month of July.

Perceptions of “feeling safe” on campus

The majority of respondents (77%) expressed feeling safe at the college (77%) or sometimes feeling safe at the college (18%), for a total of 95% of respondents. Two respondents expressed concern about the quality of security at check-in. Another stated feeling uncomfortable in crowded elevators.

Awareness of policies and procedures

A slim majority of respondents (55%) reported that they are aware of ASA's policy addressing sexual misconduct, with 51% affirming that they are clear about what to do in the face of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault. Only 30% of respondents were aware of the Students' Bill of Rights, with 56% affirming that they had not been advised of their rights to privacy, while 68% are unaware of the meaning of the acronym FERPA. Half of the respondents (51%) reported that they understand the meaning of “affirmative consent.”

Victimization and bystander perceptions

An overwhelming 95% of respondents confirmed they had experienced no sexual harassment while on campus, with 81% indicating that they had never witnessed any inappropriate interactions with employees of ASA.

How and where to report

With respect to finding help on campus, 41% of respondents identified Student Advisement as the “go to” place for help, but 23% and 22% named Student Services or the Dean's Office, respectively.

With respect to accessing information electronically, 28% of respondents said that they access their student portal daily, and 33% reported that they check the portal a few times per week.

Finally, 56% of respondents correctly identified ASA's Title IX Coordinator from among four campus leaders.

Conclusion

The Climate survey had a low response rate when initially administered in 2017. To increase the response rate, the College will not distribute the survey to all students via the student portal, but also arrange scheduled sessions in two of its courses (the Freshman Skills Seminar (FSM100) and the Career Development Seminar (CDV100)) as a mini-classroom assignment to increase participation at its next deployment.

Since the time of deployment of this Campus Climate Survey, ASA has made strides in strengthening weak areas identified in this survey including in education and training of staff and students, the availability of resources, expansion of personnel in the Title IX Office, and in the further development of our policy and procedures. There has been a significant increase in reporting and resolution of cases. The next Campus Climate Survey is scheduled for 2019.

Title IX Campus Climate Survey Results 2017

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