

TO: Dr. Zvi Szafran
President

FROM: Patty Todd
Campus Safety Committee Chair

DATE: September 15, 2016

SUBJECT: 2015 – 2016 Annual Campus Safety Committee Report

Attached is the 2015-2016 Annual Report of the Campus Safety Committee. This report enumerates the activities of the SUNY Canton Campus Safety Committee and cumulative, campus-wide efforts, effectively addressing a broad range of campus safety issues. After eight years as Chair, I have decided to step down. If you have any questions, please feel to contact me or the new Safety Committee Chair, Derek Converse.

cc: Committee Members
S. Miller
D. Scheidt
C. Bish
A. Sibley
File

SAFETY COMMITTEE CHARGE

The SUNY Canton Campus Safety Committee was established to address chemical hygiene issues. When Article 129-A of the NYS Education Law § 6431 was enacted, the Campus Safety Committee incorporated personal safety as well. The Committee is a presidential committee that functions outside faculty governance.

The charge of the Campus Safety Committee is to address a wide range of campus safety concerns. The Committee's first two charges:

1. Responding to inquiries from concerned persons and referring complaints to the appropriate authorities,
2. Recognizing, evaluating, and recommending a course of action to solve or control safety/health problems,

are met utilizing several different means. The annual Campus Safety Walk Around includes faculty, staff, and students who do a physical inspection of the campus during daylight and after dark. The [Safety and Health Reporting Form](#) is available to submit electronic safety/health issues. Finally, Safety Committee members are very active in soliciting and bringing safety issues to the Committee for discussion and resolution. Since a majority of the committee members are directly involved in the departments that play major roles in campus safety, most issues can be resolved at the committee level.

The Committee's last three charges:

1. Ensuring that education is provided to the campus community about personal safety and crime prevention,
2. Identify and recommend strategies to the campus for the prevention of sexual harassment and sexual assault,
3. Make recommendations for campus implementation by sharing them with the Title IX coordinator or designee,

are addressed through monitoring, reviewing, and participating in areas that provide safety information and education, including Title IX. Additional information has been included concerning Title IX and educational programming. As a part of its standing work, the Committee reviews a number of annual reports to assure compliance with the regulatory requirements, such as Campus Security Act, Fire Safety Report, Annual Campus Safety Report, and other requirements of the Education Law, Article 129-A

2015-2016 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Safety Committee's composition meets the requirements as defined by Article 129-A of the NYS Education Law § 6431. The committee membership is reviewed annually and appointments are made accordingly. Safety Committee membership for 2015-2016:

1. Patricia Todd – Co-Chair, Director, Health Services,
2. Susan Buckley – Visiting Associate Professor, Criminal Justice
3. Lorie Charles – Student Representative
4. Brian Guyadeen – Student Representative
5. John Kennedy – Director of Residence Life
6. Brian Kurish – Lieutenant, University Police
7. Rajiv Narula – Assistant Professor, Chemistry
8. Khaina Solomon – SGA President
9. Jamie Sovie – Committee Secretary, Instructional Support Technician, Science

Ex Officio Members

1. Derek Converse – Environmental, Health and Safety Coordinator
2. James Hamilton – Chemical Hygiene Officer
3. Patrick Hanss – Director of Physical Plant
4. Corey Jordan – Director of Campus Stores
5. Michael McCormick – Director of Facilities Planning
6. Melinda Miller – Director of Counseling
7. Alan Mulkin – Chief of University Police
8. Nancy Rowledge – Associate Director for Human Resources.

SUNY CANTON SAFETY COMMITTEE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

- [Two Committee meetings](#) were conducted for 2015-2016 year and the [Campus Safety Committee web page](#) is updated regularly.
- Reviewed mandatory compliance reporting for the [Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Statistics Act](#) and [Title IX](#) policies and reporting procedures.
- Fourteen campus-wide email notices were sent out on health and safety issues, including [Title IX](#) (9/30/15), [Clery Act](#) (10/1/15), [NY ALERT](#) (10/21/15), Safety Update from President Szafran (12/7/15), [Rave Alert](#) sign-up (3/15/16), and Campus Safety Alert (4/19/16).
- Members of the Safety Committee conducted a Fire Safety Day on 10/2/15, which included fire extinguisher training and a mock dorm fire demonstration.
- Members of the Safety Committee were involved in a campus wide shelter in place emergency drill on 3/24/16, which was coordinated by University Police.
- [2015 Annual Campus Safety Walk-Around](#) was conducted on 10/15/15 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ten new issues/areas of concern were identified, addressed, and followed up on and six other identified problems from 2013 and 2014 were completed.
- Six additional safety issues identified by faculty, staff, or students and work orders were submitted and followed up to completion.
- Reviewed and revised sections in the [College's Policies and Procedures Manual](#) and the [Student Handbook](#), the [Sexual Assault Awareness brochure](#), and [Quick Reference Guide for Sexual Assault Survivors](#).

TITLE IX

The Safety Committee met with the College's Title IX Coordinator, Amanda Rowley, and received regular updates on Title IX activities. Many of the members on the Safety Committee are also involved in Title IX programs. Title IX, Sexual assault/harassment and domestic violence information is included in academic areas, such as First Year Experience (FYEP) 101 and BASK 060 (Freshman Seminar) by the Title IX Coordinator/Deputy Coordinator, Counseling staff, University Police, and Wellness Coordinator/Health Educator. Faculty and staff also completed mandatory online trainings for Preventing Sexual Misconduct (Title IX), Domestic Violence and the Workplace, Making our Campus Safer (Clery), and Preventing Workplace Violence. Title IX activities for 2015-2016 included:

- Worked collaboratively with SUNY Potsdam to create an online Title IX training for ALL Students per the new SUNY policy on Sexual Assault. The training was implemented in the fall 2015 semester for the first time, and was successfully orchestrated again in the spring 2016 semester for any new and transfer students.
- Presented to Executive Cabinet the need for campus support to participate in the National It's On Us Campaign. This presentation resulted in the creation of our own "It's On Us" Public Service Announcement, which was displayed on the It's On Us National Day of Action, September 17, 2015 featuring our own faculty, staff, and students in the video.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7IBfcKl49w>
- SUNY Canton was selected by SUNY System Administration to host a Green Dot train-the-trainer event in November 2015. Here, seven individuals from SUNY Canton became certified Green Dot instructors for our campus. Attendees also came from SUNY Potsdam. We began implementing the Green Dot program on our campus in the spring 2016 semester. To date, 300 faculty/staff and approximately 100 students have been trained in the Green Dot program.
- Between Al Mulkin and Amanda Rowley, we trained just under 1,000 students face-to-face in Title IX during the 2015-16 academic year, consisting of the following groups: Athletes, Greeks, FYEPs, Residence Halls, Wellness Advocates, and RA's.
- We now have 5 SUNY trained, Title IX Investigators on campus: Amanda Rowley, Al Mulkin, Amanda Deckert, Farren Lobdell and Nate Pietropaolo.
- SUNY Canton Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators are all now members of a SUNY group of Title IX professionals called STIXCA (SUNY Title IX Coordinators Association). The group and team will develop cutting-edge programming and processes in prevention and response. The inaugural meeting was held in Albany in April.

EDUCATION

There was a concerted effort to provide health and safety related programs to a wide audience in a variety of venues. Many of the Safety Committee members' departments are major providers of campus health and safety programs. Programs frequently addressed the intersection between domestic/sexual violence and alcohol/drug use. The following list highlights programs offered during the 2015-2016 academic year that addressed safety and health issues.

Counseling:

- Presented/co-sponsored 191 programs this year with 9,943 student contacts. Programs were presented to RA's, in the residence halls, TRiO program, EOP, FYE, PTA, SSCI, and Early

Childhood classes. Programs were also presented in the commuter lounge, for Greek organizations, and for athletes.

- Program topics included Beer Goggles Experience Sexual Assault Awareness with University Police and Renewal House, Jeopardy, Changing Perspectives, Weekly Meeting with Bill (using an AA meeting format), Depression Screening Day, Stress Free night and Stress Free Zone.
- Awareness Tables/Campaigns for popular themes such as Spring Break Safety, Safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day, STI Awareness, and Make a Valentine Day Card.
- Worked with 410 students for alcohol violations and conduct issues.

Diversity:

- Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service (collaborated with Student Activities, Greek Affairs, & Athletics)
- 2 Diverse Discussions
- Culture Shock & Integration (collaborated with International Programs)
- Relationships (collaborated with CAB)
- All Around the World (sponsored with Residence Life)
- Cross Cultural Movie Series (collaborated with CAB)
- Black History Month Trivia (collaborated with CAB)
- Celebrate Diversity with Apples (Apple Month Program Celebration collaborated with Library)
- 16 Diversity Trainings for a variety of groups, including Residence Hall students, TRIO Program First Year Experience, Orientation Leaders, Resident Assistants, and EOP.

Health Center:

- 11 Tobacco related, including the Great American Smoke Out
- 29 Sexual health/relationship including LGBTQ Health
- 41 Nutrition/exercise related
- 9 Cold/flu
- 4 Red Watch Band Programs
- 15 AHA CPR BLS/Heart Saver/First Aid/Hands Only CPR classes
- 1 Annual Health Fair
- 68 Health Center information/miscellaneous topics

Student Activities:

- Sponsored over 180 programs open to the campus community and beyond, which provided healthy alternatives to alcohol.

University Police:

- 30 educational programs which consisted of Title IX, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Operation ID, and Drug/Alcohol programs
- Programs were held for the Residence Halls, FYEP, Greeks, and other campus organizations