

Chancellor's Task Force on Sexual and Relationship Violence
January 26, 2017
2:30 – 4:30 pm

Attendees:

Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, co-chair	Joyce LaLonde
Joanna Masingila, co-chair	Andre London
Randi Bregman	Bobby Maldonado
Katelyn Cowen	Suzette Melendez
Rebecca Dayton	Abby Perer
Linda Stone Fish	Pam Peter
Herman Frazier	Amy Quichiz
Andy Gordon	Jeffrey Stanton
Tiffany Gray	Cory Wallack
Daria Grineva	Barry L. Wells
Huey Hsiao	Samantha Skaller, ex-officio
Rachel Johnson	Dolan Evanovich
Sheila Johnson-Willis	Denise Dowdall

Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, co-chair and Joanna Masingila, co-chair, welcomed the group. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes from the December meeting were approved unanimously.

Reed-Kantrowitz announced that Lynn Levey resigned her position on the Task Force and has taken a position coordinating health, wellness, and Title IX efforts at her alma mater, Clark University in Worcester, MA.

Abby Perer gave an update on our OCR case.

U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) representatives visited campus and conducted productive focus group meetings. There were concerns expressed about training, as well as many positive observations. The OCR will continue to study the documents we have provided.

Perer announced that a new complaint has been lodged with the OCR alleging a hostile work environment at Syracuse University.

The Task Force hosted a guest speaker, Debora Osgood, Esq., who presented "Title IX Compliance: Moving Forward".

Ms. Osgood, a Partner at Hogan Marren Babbo & Rose, Ltd, Chicago is a nationally recognized expert on the civil rights laws and regulations that govern educational institutions. She has provided legal guidance on compliance by public and private colleges and universities, community colleges, for-profit institutions of higher education, K-12 school districts, charter schools, private schools, state boards of education, and other educational institutions. (PowerPoint presentation attached.)

The group discussed possible changes to the law, requirements, and current cases under the new Trump Administration. The consensus is that Syracuse University will be proactive and continue to strive for continuous improvement in education, training, process, and inclusiveness, regardless of what the federal government does going forward.

The University will use information learned from the Campus Climate Survey to work with students, faculty and staff to make positive changes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm