



Executive Summary Concerning SUNY Campus Climate Survey:

To address the issue of sexual assault on college campuses, SUNY developed a standardized campus climate survey that garnered information from various constituencies including students, faculty, and staff surrounding incidents of sexual violence on campus. Erie Community College administered this survey on March 17, 2017.

By SUNY policy, this uniform survey ascertains faculty and staff awareness of policies and resources as well as student experiences with and knowledge of reporting and college adjudicatory processes for sexual harassment and other crimes of sexual violence.

Faculty and Staff Results:

The total number of respondents numbered 213. The salient points surrounding the survey responses are as follows:

Strengths:

- The majority of faculty and staff have an awareness of college policies and procedures concerning sexual violence, student experience with and knowledge of reporting processes for sexual harassment, including sexual violence and other related crimes. 87% of respondents responded favorably to knowledge of these policies (60%).
- The majority of faculty and staff (86%) were aware of whom the student could formally disclose a sexual assault on campus including the Title IX Coordinator, Campus Safety Deans of Students, Counseling Centers, and Health Services.
- The majority of faculty and staff (80%) reported a clear understanding of the Title IX Coordinator's role in relation to sex discrimination, sexual assaults, and sexual misconduct on campus.
- The majority of faculty and staff (88%) were aware of campus and community resources that are available to victims of sexual violence.

Area of Improvement:

- A percentage of faculty and staff (23%) stated they would be unlikely to speak to a student who they suspect is in an abusive relationship.
- A percentage of faculty and staff (7.54%) were not aware of specific policies and procedures addressing sexual assault.

Student Results:

The total number of respondents who participated in this survey number 100. The response rate could have been influenced by the following factors:

- Survey fatigue; institutionally developed campus climate surveys were administered to students in 2014, 2015, and 2016 respectively.
- There was no incentive for this survey.

Strengths:

- A significant percentage of students (52.78%) had an understanding of institutional policies and procedures concerning sexual violence.
- The majority of students surveyed understood where to formally disclose a sexual assault on campus (90%).
- A significant percentage of students (60%) were aware of the Title IX Coordinator's role.
- The majority of students responded favorably that they would get help and resources for a friend who had been assaulted (78.34%)
- The majority of students would confront a friend if they told them that they had sex with someone who was passed out or did not give consent (56%).

Areas for Improvement:

- The majority of students (80%) were not sure how to find the Title IX Coordinator.
- A percentage of students (23.44%) stated they have experienced unwanted sexual comments, slurs, or demeaning jokes as well as receiving unwanted sexually suggestive digital communications including emails, texts, or social media communications (17.19%).

The survey results have been posted on the ECC website under Equity and Diversity

<https://myecc.ecc.edu/sexualviolencepreventionfaculty/Pages/default.aspx> as well as the student site

<https://myecc.ecc.edu/student/supportservices/Pages/equality-antidiscrimination.aspx>

The Sexual Violence Prevention Committee will meet to discuss the survey results and develop recommendations based upon the results.

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