

SUNY SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION (SVP) BUFFALO STATE CAMPUS CLIMATE SURVEY REPORT

Buffalo State College is committed to eliminating sexual harassment and sexual violence. The campus climate survey administered this year was intended to gather information about the rate of incidents of sexual violence and knowledge of policies and resources. By law, every SUNY campus is required to participate in this survey project.

Details and recommendations also may be found by visiting the SUNY System Sexual Violence Prevention Workgroup Site:

<http://system.suny.edu/sexual-violence-prevention-workgroup/policies/campus-climate/>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

From April 10-April 28, 2017 Buffalo State College conducted the SUNY Sexual Violence Prevention (SVP) Campus Climate Survey. The Survey was administered to currently enrolled students, faculty and staff. In accordance with SUNY policy, this survey ascertains faculty and staff awareness of policies and resources, and student experience with and knowledge of reporting and college adjudicatory processes for sexual harassment, including sexual violence and other related crimes. The data was collected online with use of a 3rd party platform. A campus committee will review all results and will consult with the Buffalo State Campus Safety Forum to review the survey results and to provide recommendations based on the findings.

Background

The survey results will help inform the campus community of the perceptions of students, faculty and staff, regarding sexual violence and knowledge of policies and resources. In addition, this data will be analyzed and compared with other campus data to learn how it connects to other initiatives, goals, or related reports undertaken by the campus.

<i>Table 1</i> <i>Student Demographics:</i> <i>Overall Response Rate 3.89%</i>		
GENDER	Number of Responses	Percentage
Female	161	70.61%
Male	54	23.68%
Other/Did Not Respond	13	5.7%
Total:	338	3.89%
RESIDENCY:		
On-Campus	116	34.32%
Off-Campus	221	65.38%
LEVEL:		
Undergraduate	290	86.31%
Graduate	46	13.69%
SEXUAL ORIENTATION:		
Heterosexual	165	73%
LGBTQ	54	24%

<i>Table 2: Faculty & Staff Demographics: Overall Response Rate: 12.80%.</i>		
EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Number of Responses	Percentage
Faculty	79	34.50%
Staff/Administrator	150	65.50%

Results

- 81% of students were aware of the SUNY definition of affirmative consent. In comparison, 82% of faculty and staff were aware of SUNY's definition of affirmative consent.
- 55% of students were aware of SUNY's amnesty policy. In comparison, 43% of faculty and staff were aware of this policy.
- 60% of students "knew how to find the Title IX coordinator," while 21% of faculty and staff knew where to find the Title IX coordinator.
- 72% of faculty and staff strongly agreed (39%) or agreed (34%) with the statement, "If a student were sexually assaulted I know how to advise them on where to get help on campus."