

Presidential Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault Annual Report 2018-2019

The Presidential Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault (PACSA) is one of several Columbia University initiatives to address gender-based misconduct and is charged with advising the president on issues related to the prevention of and response to gender-based misconduct, including sexual assault. The Committee continually works with partners and experts across the University to evaluate policies and procedures and solicit feedback from the Columbia community with the goal of eliminating sexual assault and other forms of gender-based misconduct from our community.

Membership

The Committee comprises faculty, staff and students from the Morningside and CUIMC campuses. For the 2018-2019 academic year, President Bollinger appointed two new members to the Committee; their two-year terms will conclude in Spring 2020. A full membership roster is attached.

2018-19 Discussions

During the 2018-2019 academic year, partners across the University briefed the Committee on services and programs that support gender-based misconduct prevention, and the University's process for addressing incidents of gender-based misconduct.

Specifically, the Committee discussed the following topics:

- Sexual Violence Response programs, services and metrics
- Anticipated Title IX Regulation changes
- SHIFT Survey
- Student Well-being Survey
- Other University-wide surveys

Recommendations

As it has in previous years, the Committee recommends that offices across the University work to **increase student engagement and participation** with ongoing prevention efforts. With data from various University-wide surveys and additional forms of feedback and information, offices can refine their programs and services. This will continue to deepen the impact of existing programs and foster a cultural shift on campus.