

## **Presidential Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault Annual Report 2017-18**

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 is comprised of faculty, staff, and students from both the Morningside and CUMC campuses. This year, several new members were appointed to the Committee by President Bollinger; their two-year terms will conclude in spring 2019. A full membership roster is attached.

### **2017-18 Discussions**

Over the course of the 2017-18 academic year, the Committee was briefed by partners across the University about services and programs that support gender-based misconduct prevention and address and administer the University's response to gender-based misconduct.

Specifically, the Committee discussed following topics:

- Sexual Violence Response programs and services
- Gender-Based Misconduct Office's services
- Policy updates and changes
- Gender-based Misconduct Prevention Task Force
- Sexual Respect and Community Citizenship Initiative
- Faculty and TA Briefings
- SHIFT Survey
- Student Well-Being Survey
- Sexual Harassment

### **Recommendations**

As in previous years, the Committee recommends that offices across the University work to **increase student engagement and participation** with ongoing prevention efforts. This will deepen the impact of existing programs and foster a cultural shift on campus.