

**Provost's Advisory Council
Summary of September 26, 2013 meeting**

James Bretzke, S.J., Chair	Katherine Gregory	David Quigley
Lillie Albert	Don Hafner	Joe Quinn
Tony Annunziato	Siobhan Kelly '15	Min Song
Betty Blythe	Maureen Kenny	Anita Tien
Mark Brodin	Narintohn Luangrath '14	Judith Tracy
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Pat DeLeeuw	Katie O'Dair	Danny Willis
William Duffey III	Laura O'Dwyer	Linnie Green Wright
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Samuel Graves	Devin Pendas	

1. It was confirmed that the summary for the April meeting was approved over the summer.
2. Joe Herlihy, General Counsel, and Richard Jefferson, Office of Institutional Diversity, joined the Council for a discussion led by Katie O'Dair about Title IX and sexual assault on campus.

Title IX, a general statute forbidding discrimination on the basis of gender in any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance,

Under Title IX, students have the option whether to bring formal charges under the disciplinary system and/or to file a criminal complaint with law enforcement authorities. It was explained that in many instances, the victim or the person to whom the assault is disclosed may want the information about the assault to be confidential. Only information provided to Health Services, Counseling Services, or those in a pastoral role is confidential, although efforts are made to respect the privacy of students. For example, when an assault is reported to Katie O'Dair in her role as the Title IX coordinator, she refrains from contacting the victim directly if the report has been made by someone else; instead, she will work through the victim's support network to ensure that the needs of the student are being met. However, Boston College is obligated by Title IX to fully investigate allegations of sexual misconduct.

Faculty and staff to whom a sexual assault is disclosed must report the incident to Katie O'Dair. While they do not need to include the name of the student victim, it is recommended that if they have a name, they share it.

A member of the Council noted that parents are not always informed of sexual assaults involving their students. Boston College's primary relationship is to the student, not the parent, but students are strongly encouraged to inform their parents.

Off-campus harassment and assaults are also covered by Title IX. Off-campus students receive outreach and education.

The Title IX "Dear Colleague" letter states that the school must mitigate the discriminatory effects of harassment by providing "interim measures," including academic accommodations. It has been suggested that addressing requests for accommodations may follow the processes that have been established for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (e.g., requiring documentation, (s be)of mh(a)4(lt)-3(h S) TJET

Vanderslice Millennium Professor of Chemistry, will receive the 2014 American Chemical Society Award for Creative Work in Synthetic Organic Chemistry.