



To: Presidents/Leadership, Title IX Coordinators, Institutional Research, Chief Diversity Officers
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Subject: Notice from the Campus Sexual Assault Commission

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) and the Campus Sexual Assault Commission (Commission) have developed an announcement to institutions with updates regarding the Commission and its charges.

OSHE has outlined an anticipated timeline for institutional compliance related to campus climate surveying and data submission.

OSHE and the Commission also invite institutional representatives to join virtual Kick-Off Technical Assistance event to be held on May 6, 2022 at 11am. Institutions can register [here](#). Presidents should require at least one staff member to attend which may include, members of Executive Leadership, Title IX coordinators, Chief Diversity Officers, and Institutional Research and Analytics employees. Due to limited capacity, no more than 3 representatives from each institution should be in attendance.

Questions or concerns regarding the CSAC or campus climate surveying can be directed to OSHE@oshe.nj.gov. We look forward to carrying out this critical work together.



April 13, 2022

The New Jersey State Plan for Higher Education: “*Where Opportunity Meets Innovation: A Student-Centered Vision for New Jersey Higher Education*” includes the vision that every New Jersey student should feel safe and supported in their learning environment. To help make this vision a reality and in accordance with [P.L. 2020 c.104](#), institutions of higher education are required to administer campus climate surveys and develop action plans in response to campus climate survey findings. The Campus Sexual Assault Commission (CSAC) will assist in monitoring institutions’ progress towards meeting these requirements and offer technical assistance with the implementation of the campus climate surveys. For more information regarding CSAC, please click [here](#).

Anticipated Timeline for Compliance

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) recognizes that some institutions of higher education may have well-established processes for collecting campus climate data while other institutions may be in the preliminary stages of the process. As such, a staggered submission approach will be incorporated for the first cycle. Additional details on how to submit data securely to OSHE will be forthcoming.

- **Institutions that have conducted a campus climate survey between 2018 and 2022 may submit this data to OSHE on or before December 31, 2022 to satisfy the first cycle.** Institutions will then follow a 4-year cycle of re-surveying with analysis for submission to OSHE. These findings will serve as the baseline for action plans.
- **Institutions that have not conducted a campus climate survey between 2018 and 2022 will have one year from June 30, 2022 to administer a survey and submit data to satisfy the first cycle (deadline of June 30, 2023).** For these institutions to satisfy the first cycle of campus climate survey compliance, responses must be analyzed and submitted to OSHE to help inform the immediate and future action plans. Institutions will then follow a 4-year cycle of re-surveying with analysis for submission to OSHE.

CSAC invites institutions to join the Kick-Off Technical Assistance webinar on May 6, 2022 at 11:00am. This webinar will share best practices for conducting campus climate surveys and will also cover:

- Review of P.L. 2021 c.104 statute and what it means for institutions;
- The Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments Working Group Resource: [An Inventory of Campus Climate Surveys](#);
- Timeline for survey submission; and
- Introduction to the members of the Campus Sexual Assault Commission.

This webinar will benefit those colleagues working directly on the implementation of P.L. 2021 c.104. Presidents should require at least one staff member to attend which may include, members of Executive Leadership, Title IX coordinators, Chief Diversity Officers, and Institutional Research and Analytics employees.



However, we also encourage institutions to convene internal working groups with additional staff who may engage in this work. These additional staff may include members of the following offices: Student Affairs, Government Relations and Affairs, Campus and Public Safety, among other relevant departments and staff members.

CSAC encourages institutions to register and pre-submit questions to be addressed at the webinar [here](#).

- The webinar will be recorded and available on the OSHE website. We anticipate holding additional, focused webinars during the summer and fall. More information regarding these dates is forthcoming.

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