

## Informational Memo: University of Toronto's Sexual Violence Action Plan and Proposed Policy

In November 2014, the University created the *Presidential and Provostial Advisory Committee on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence* to address the challenge of sexual violence on campus. Over an 18-month period, the Committee carried out extensive consultation with students, staff and faculty, as well as research and deliberations. The Committee's [Final Report](#), which was presented in February 2016, recommended the creation of an institutional policy on sexual violence.

In their [Response](#) in April 2016, the President and the Vice-President and Provost endorsed the Final Report's principles and accepted all of its recommendations.

### Bill 132

In March 2016, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario passed the [Sexual Violence and Harassment Action Plan Act \(Bill 132\)](#), which requires (among other things) all Ontario universities to have a sexual violence policy that addresses sexual violence involving students and sets out the process for how the university will respond to and address incidents and complaints of sexual violence, and to provide awareness training on the sexual violence policy to faculty, staff, students, and other members of the University community. The legislation requires that a policy be put into place by January 1, 2017 that outlines how universities will respond to and address incidents and complaints of sexual violence involving students enrolled at the university.

Both in response to the new Bill and to build on its previous work, in May 2016 the University announced the membership of three expert panels tasked with supporting the University's action plan to prevent and respond to sexual violence.

### The Expert Panel on Sexual Violence Policies

Chaired by Professor of Law and Provost of Trinity College, Mayo Moran, the Expert Panel on Sexual Violence Policies was asked to advise Vice-President and Provost Cheryl Regehr and Vice-President, Human Resources & Equity Angela Hildyard on principles and recommendations for a new stand-alone policy on sexual violence and provide general recommendations for revisions to existing University policies addressing sexual violence and sexual harassment. The Panel was also asked to make recommendations regarding a companion document that will explain procedures related to the approved policies.

The Expert Panel conducted a number of consultations across the University of Toronto's three campuses. The Expert Panel's consultations included in-person consultation days on each of the three campuses. During these sessions, students, staff and faculty were invited to provide feedback on the development of a sexual violence policy. The Panel also held a number of other meetings, including with representative student committees, and received over 100 submissions through the online consultation website.

The Panel delivered its [recommendations](#) to Professors Regehr and Hildyard in early August 2016. The 40 recommendations were broken down into six categories: General, Definitions, Confidentiality, Statement of Purpose, Elements, and the Companion Guide.

## Going Forward

A proposed draft Policy reflecting Bill 132, the related [Regulations](#) (Ontario Regulation 131/16), and the Expert Panel's recommendations will be posted on the Provost's Office [online consultation](#) website for public consultation on Wednesday, September 7. Consultations on the Policy will be held with the University community throughout September and October.

For further updates and to provide feedback on other topics related to sexual violence, please visit the [Provost's Office website](#).

# DRAFT Policy on Sexual Violence

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## I. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

1. All members of the University of Toronto (“the University”) community should have the ability to study, work and live in a campus environment free from Sexual Violence, including Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment.
2. The University is committed to making available programs and resources to educate its community on the prevention of and response to Sexual Violence.
3. The University is committed to responding to and addressing incidents and complaints of Sexual Violence involving its students, staff and faculty, and to ensuring that those members of the community who are affected by Sexual Violence receive support.
4. The University recognizes that Sexual Violence can occur between individuals regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or relationship status.
5. The University recognizes the intersection of Sexual Violence with discrimination and harassment, including but not limited to the grounds set out in the Ontario *Human Rights Code*. The University recognizes that individuals from historically marginalized communities may be especially vulnerable to Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence.
6. Sexual Violence can be committed against any person and is an issue that requires an inclusive response. The University recognizes that Sexual Violence is overwhelmingly committed against women, and in particular women who experience the intersection of multiple identities such as, but not limited to, indigenous women, women with disabilities, and racialized women. Additionally, the University recognizes that those whose gender identity or gender expression does not conform to historical gender norms are also at increased risk of Sexual Violence.
7. The University recognizes that individuals who have experienced Sexual Violence experience a range of physical and psychological effects that can profoundly affect their lives.

Note: Appendix A contains definitions of terms in this Policy. Hyperlinks to relevant defined terms are provided throughout this Policy.

## II. APPLICATION & SCOPE

8. This Policy applies to Members of the University Community – students, faculty and staff. All Members of the University Community should receive appropriate support with respect to issues of Sexual Violence, regardless of their role in the University or the role of the person against whom an allegation is made.
9. This Policy contemplates a centralized system of Reporting, investigation and decision-making for complaints of Sexual Violence in order to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest or reasonable apprehension of bias, to preserve privacy, to minimize risk of reprisal, and to ensure coordination and consistency across all academic divisions, campuses and centralized services.
10. The *Reporting* procedure and the processes it initiates apply to all Incidents of Sexual Violence in which both the Complainant and the Respondent are Members of the University Community – students, faculty and staff – regardless of whether the event occurred on campus, off campus, or using social media.

### III. EDUCATION, SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

11. The University provides support to Members of the University Community who have experienced Sexual Violence and to those who receive a Disclosure or Report of an Incident of Sexual Violence.
12. The University has established a tri-campus **Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre** (“the Centre”) [link to be provided] with a mandate to assist in triage, Reporting and providing support for individual Members of the University Community who have experienced Sexual Violence.
13. The University provides Sexual Violence education and prevention education for all Members of the University Community, including training on this Policy and awareness programs about Sexual Violence and personal safety.
14. The University provides training on this Policy to Members of the University Community who are likely to receive Disclosures or Reports to support those who Disclose with dignity and compassion and to inform them of their options in a safe and supportive manner.
15. The University provides support to Members of the University Community who have had an allegation of Sexual Violence made against them.

### IV. PRINCIPLES RESPECTING PROCESS

16. A person who has made a Disclosure and/or a Report of Sexual Violence has autonomy in decision-making, and in particular as to whether to Report, to whom to Disclose, whether to pursue recourse to the criminal or civil justice systems, and whether to access support and accommodations.
17. The University is committed to the provision of a fair process for all parties and one that respects due process and procedural fairness.
18. The University is committed to reducing barriers to Disclosure and Reporting of incidents of Sexual Violence. In that regard, Complainants will not be asked to repeat their accounts more than is necessary for the implementation of this Policy.
19. The University process will appropriately accommodate the needs of students who are affected by Sexual Violence.
20. The University will not tolerate any retaliation, through any means including through social or other electronic media, against anyone who Discloses or Reports an Incident of Sexual Violence, or who participates in a University process that is addressing allegations of Sexual Violence against a Member of the University Community.
21. Confidential counselling and support should be available as quickly as possible to any Member of the University Community who experiences an Incident of Sexual Violence.
22. The University is committed to responding to complaints of Sexual Violence fairly and expeditiously.

### V. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

23. The University will treat Disclosure and Reporting of an Incident of Sexual Violence in a confidential manner and in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

24. The University will limit sharing of information to those within the University who need to know the information for the purposes of implementing this Policy, including providing accommodation and interim measures, and the investigation and decision-making processes; and taking corrective action resulting from those processes. For example, where a Complainant wishes to make a Report, fairness to the Respondent will require disclosure of the Complainant's identity and the material allegations being made.
25. Confidentiality cannot be maintained where information needs to be disclosed in order to address a risk to the health and safety of Members of the University Community or where the University is obliged by law to disclose the information. For example, confidentiality cannot be maintained where:
  - a. an individual is at risk of self-harm;
  - b. an individual is at risk of harming another individual;
  - c. Members of the University Community may be at risk of harm; and/or
  - d. reporting or investigation is required by law (for example, but not limited to, an incident involving a minor, or obligations related to occupational health and safety or to human rights legislation).

## VI. DISCLOSURE AND REPORTING

26. Disclosure and Reporting are separate actions that can be taken by a Complainant.
27. Disclosure is the sharing of information by an individual with a Member of the University Community regarding an Incident of Sexual Violence experienced by that individual. The Centre offers confidential support and services to those who have experienced Sexual Violence.
28. Reporting is the sharing of information by an individual with a designated Member of the University Community regarding an Incident of Sexual Violence experienced by that individual, with the intention of initiating one of the processes set out in this Policy, which could result in a disciplinary action being taken against the Member of the University Community alleged to have committed Sexual Violence. The Centre also manages the initial process for Sexual Violence Reporting.
29. A Member of the University Community who witnesses an Incident of Sexual Violence affecting another Member of the University Community is encouraged to contact the Centre or Campus Police immediately.

## VII. DISCLOSURE

30. A Disclosure does not result in a Report being made and does not initiate a process to address the incident. The decision to Disclose and the decision to Report are separate decisions.
31. A Disclosure can be made to any Member of the University Community. A Disclosure may relate to a Respondent who is or is not a Member of the University Community.
32. The Centre is the first point of contact for a Member of the University Community affected by an Incident of Sexual Violence to obtain academic, employment, or other accommodations and services. A Member of the University Community who receives a Disclosure should inform the Complainant about this Policy and direct them to the Centre.

33. The University recognizes that such Disclosures are often shared in confidence, that the Complainant may have an expectation of confidentiality, and that in many cases confidentiality is essential in order for Complainants to come forward. The person to whom the Disclosure is made may consult with the Centre for advice but except as directed by the Complainant or as indicated by the “Confidentiality and Privacy” section of this Policy, should hold such information in confidence.
34. Members of the University Community outside of the Centre who receive a Disclosure of an Incident of Sexual Violence and who receive the Complainant’s permission to do so, can provide to the Centre the name, date and contact information of the person who made the Disclosure to them for follow-up support and services.
35. The University recognizes that an individual who has experienced an Incident of Sexual Violence may require time and reflection before making the decision as to whether or not they wish to make a Disclosure or a Report of the incident. Notwithstanding those considerations, individuals who have experienced an Incident of Sexual Violence are encouraged to make a Disclosure and/or Report as soon as they are able to do so, recognizing that the passage of time may affect the University’s ability to address the issues raised by a Disclosure or a Report.
36. The University respects a Complainant’s right to choose whether and how to pursue action related to an Incident of Sexual Violence, subject to the confidentiality provisions set out in the “Confidentiality and Privacy” section. In particular, when the University is made aware of an Incident of Sexual Violence that poses a risk to the health and safety of Members of the University Community, the University will take steps to maintain their health and safety.
37. The University will make support and services, including counselling, access or referrals to medical services, academic and other accommodations, available to Members of the University Community who Disclose having been affected by an Incident of Sexual Violence. Support services will also be available to Members of the University Community who are Respondents. Persons affected by an Incident of Sexual Violence should contact the Centre to obtain such support and services.
38. A Complainant is not required to make a Report about an Incident of Sexual Violence in order to obtain the support and services or accommodations referred to in this Policy.
39. The Centre will make support staff available by phone, email or through Campus Police on a 24/7 basis. These staff members can provide guidance and support to a Complainant through the process of Disclosure and/or Reporting.
40. The Centre can, on a confidential basis, consult or seek the assistance of other internal personnel or resources of the University to facilitate the safety, follow-up and support of those involved in a Disclosure of Sexual Violence.

## VIII. REPORTING

### A. REPORTING PROCESS

41. The Centre is responsible for receiving Reports of Incidents of Sexual Violence involving a Member of the University Community in a non-emergency situation.
42. In an emergency, Campus Police or 911 should be the first point of contact. In case of emergency, Sexual Violence can be Reported to Campus Police, who are in turn required to inform the Centre as well as municipal police services. A *Report* can also be made at a later date following the incident.

43. Reporting can be initiated in person, by phone or online. A Complainant can also request that the Centre staff file a Report on their behalf. The Centre will maintain a database of Reports received.
44. The University has the jurisdiction to investigate Reports of Sexual Violence made against a Member of the University Community under this Policy.
45. The University does not have the jurisdiction to address allegations made against a person who is not a Member of the University Community. However, in the event of such allegations, the University will provide support to Complainants who are Members of the University Community (see section entitled “Education, Support and Resources”) and may be able to take measures such as restricting access to campus by the person against whom allegations are made.
46. A Complainant is not precluded from reporting an Incident of Sexual Violence to municipal police services if they have Reported the incident to the University. A Complainant is not precluded from Reporting an Incident of Sexual Violence to the University if they have reported the incident to municipal police services. A Complainant may choose to Report to one or the other, to neither or to both.
47. Once a Complainant has made a Report of an Incident of Sexual Violence to the Centre, the Complainant has initiated the University’s Reporting process. The intention of this Policy is for the Reporting process and each of its steps to be completed as expeditiously as practicable.
48. Both the Complainant and the Respondent have the right to be accompanied by a support person and/or a union or legal representative at any point during the Reporting process and subsequent processes under this Policy. The support person and/or union or legal representative, whether or not Members of the University Community, is expected to adhere to the principles of “Confidentiality and Privacy” outlined in this Policy.
49. Confidentiality requirements may change once the Complainant or the University decides to Report under this Policy. In addition to the “Confidentiality and Privacy” provisions, all Members of the University Community who are involved in receiving a Report of an Incident of Sexual Violence or who are involved in addressing or investigating it should treat the matter as discretely and confidentially as practicable within the context of their roles in implementing this Policy. Information will be shared only to the extent necessary to carry out responsibilities under this Policy or as required to provide a fair process during the investigation and decision-making process.
50. The University will take reasonable steps to protect Complainants from retaliation, including: advising individuals in writing of their duty to refrain from committing an act of reprisal, and sanctioning individuals for a breach of that duty. The University may also address the potential for reprisals by providing an accommodation appropriate in the circumstances. Threats of or acts of retaliation will be treated as incidents of Sexual Violence.

## B. REPORTING PROCESS – UNIVERSITY RESPONSE

51. When the Centre receives a Report of an Incident of Sexual Violence, it will take steps to engage as soon as practicable in an intake discussion with the Complainant.
52. At the intake discussion, the Centre will provide assistance to the Complainant and will discuss with the Complainant the potential available options. The Centre will outline information about available support and services, including information about interim measures and accommodations that may be available to address the immediate situation.



53. Some of the options that may be made available to the Complainant at the first point of contact following a Report include, but are not limited to:
- a. referral to contacts for suitable support, services or resources available within and outside the University and in the municipality. Information about external community services is available at [link to be provided].
  - b. where appropriate, communication with the person said to have engaged in Sexual Violence to inform them that the conduct is unwelcome and to note the no-retaliation provisions of this Policy
  - c. availability of academic accommodation and interim measures, including interim measures provided for under other University policies such as the *Code of Student Conduct*, collective agreements, employment agreements, and human resources policies and guidelines
    - i. Examples of such measures for students include: separation of the parties, exam or assignment deferral, class and/or schedule changes, emergency bursaries, and/or housing changes.
    - ii. Examples of such measures for employees include: making changes that are not disciplinary but precautionary to avoid contact between parties.
  - d. information about the investigation and decision-making processes that may occur depending on the role of the Respondent within the University community.
54. The Office of Safety and High Risk will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of accommodations and interim measures, including referrals as appropriate for the purposes of addressing any non-compliance.
55. The Centre can, on a confidential basis, consult or seek the assistance of other internal personnel or resources of the University for direction and can consult or seek the assistance of external parties relevant to the particular incident.

## C. ASSESSMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF AN INVESTIGATOR

### a) ASSESSMENT

56. While the Centre receives Disclosures and initiates Reports, the assessment and investigation processes will be coordinated through the Office of Safety and High Risk.
57. Upon receipt of a Report, the Centre will send the Report to the Office of Safety and High Risk, which will assess the Report to determine whether the matter falls within the scope of this Policy. If it is determined that the matter falls within the scope of this Policy, the Office of Safety and High Risk will decide whether to commence an investigation.
58. The Complainant can choose not to request an investigation by the University and has the right not to participate in any investigation that may occur. Where a choice not to participate in an investigation is made, the Complainant will be advised that this may affect the nature of the investigation and the ability to draw conclusions from any investigation report. For further clarity about what will occur in this situation, see the section of this Policy entitled “University’s Obligation when a Complainant Requests No Investigation or Chooses Not to Participate.”
59. If the Office of Safety and High Risk makes the determination that the Report does not appear to fall within the scope of this Policy, or if the University decides not to commence an investigation, the Office of Safety and High Risk will notify the Complainant of this determination. The Office of Safety

and High Risk will also determine whether or not to disclose the fact a complaint was made and any other information to the Respondent.

#### b) APPOINTMENT OF AN INVESTIGATOR

60. Once a determination has been made to commence an investigation, an investigator will be appointed with the appropriate skills and training or experience to conduct the investigation.
61. The Office of Safety and High Risk will send written notice to the Respondent that an investigation of a Report of Sexual Violence under this Policy is being initiated and provide the name of the investigator. This notice will include the particulars of the incident Reported and indicate that the Respondent will have an opportunity to respond to the allegations. The notice will indicate that the Respondent has the right to seek legal advice and to bring a support person, including a union representative or legal counsel, to any meetings during the investigation.

#### D. INVESTIGATION

62. The investigation must be completed in a timely manner.
63. The investigator will provide the Respondent with a reasonable opportunity to respond in writing to the allegations. If the Respondent does not respond within a reasonable timeframe set by the investigator, or chooses not to participate in the investigation, the investigator may proceed in the absence of their response.
64. The investigator will provide the written particulars of the response from the Respondent, if received, to the Complainant. The Complainant may submit a reply to the response within a reasonable timeframe set by the investigator. If no written reply is received within the time requested, the investigator can proceed in the absence of a reply. The investigator will provide the written particulars of the reply from the Complainant, if received, to the Respondent.
65. The Complainant and Respondent may choose to submit any additional information to the investigator.
66. The investigator may choose to conduct interviews with either or all parties at any time during the investigative process at the investigator's discretion or at the request of a party. The investigator may also choose to seek witness information.
67. The investigator will act in a fair, impartial and professional manner.
68. The investigator will remind individuals contacted of the Policy's "Confidentiality and Privacy" provisions and keep confidential the personal information of the people contacted.
69. Following completion of the investigation, the investigator will provide to the Office of Safety and High Risk a written confidential report containing a summary of the information gathered during the investigation and the findings of fact made based on the balance of probabilities.
70. The Office of Safety and High Risk will inform the Complainant and the Respondent (and/or their designated representatives) in writing of the results of the investigation, with a reminder as to the "Confidentiality and Privacy" provisions of the Policy.

## E. DECISION-MAKING AND APPEAL PROCESS

71. In the case of a student Respondent, the investigation report will be reviewed by the Vice-Provost, Students or delegate to determine whether or not the matter should be referred for a hearing under the *Code of Student Conduct* in order to determine whether or not Sexual Violence occurred and, if so, the appropriate penalty or remedies. Appeals against the decision of the Hearing Officer may be made to the Discipline Appeals Board of the Governing Council as provided for in the *Code of Student Conduct*.
72. In the case of a staff member Respondent, the investigation report will be reviewed by the Vice President, Human Resources & Equity or delegate, who will determine whether workplace violence and/or Sexual Violence occurred and, if so, the appropriate sanctions or discipline and corrective action. The Respondent will have access to the grievance process under the relevant collective agreement or human resources policy in order to appeal.
73. In the case of a faculty member or librarian Respondent, the Vice-President and Provost or delegate will review the investigation report and determine whether workplace and/or Sexual Violence occurred in consultation with the Vice-President, Human Resources & Equity and impose the appropriate discipline, sanction or corrective action. The Respondent will have access to the grievance process in Article 7 of the Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Toronto Faculty Association in order to appeal. If the appropriate sanction is determined to be termination, the Vice-President and Provost will recommend that termination proceedings be instituted in accordance with the applicable policies and procedures of the University.
74. In the case of a member of the University community who holds more than one role – for example, a student who is also an employee – or in the case of multiple Respondents who hold different roles, the University will decide which process(es) will apply in the circumstances of the particular case.
75. A determination that a Member of the University Community has committed an act of Sexual Violence may result in a number of possible outcomes, including the imposition of education and training, corrective action such as relocation or change of duties or supervision, reprimand, suspension, termination or expulsion.
76. If any existing policy's adjudicative process includes "informal resolution" or "mediation," this Policy acknowledges that such pre-adjudicative resolution is acceptable under two conditions:
  - a. Both parties must consent to such pre-adjudicative resolution, and
  - b. Such pre-adjudicative resolution must not require any face-to-face meeting between the Complainant and the Respondent.
77. If the Respondent's relationship to the University ends and that person is no longer a Member of the University Community, the University may choose to suspend the processes under this Policy. If the Respondent becomes a Member of the University Community again, the University can reinstate the process with notice. A leave of absence or any other temporary break from the University does not constitute the end of a relationship with the University for the purposes of this Policy.

## F. UNIVERSITY'S OBLIGATION WHEN A COMPLAINANT REQUESTS NO INVESTIGATION OR CHOOSES NOT TO PARTICIPATE

78. If a Complainant requests that the University not investigate or act on a Report of an Incident of Sexual Violence, the University will consider that person's request but may decide to proceed,

having regard to the health and safety of Members of the University Community and its obligations and responsibilities. In such cases, the Complainant has a right to choose not to participate in such an investigation.

79. The Complainant is entitled to receive other support outlined in this Policy regardless of whether they decide to request an investigation or choose not to participate in one.
80. If requested by the Complainant and subject to any applicable legal obligations and access to information and privacy legislation, the Complainant will be informed of the outcome of such an investigation.

#### G. UNIVERSITY'S OBLIGATION WHEN SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE COMPLAINANT MAKES A REPORT OR A REPORT IS MADE ANONYMOUSLY

81. An allegation of Sexual Violence made by someone other than the Complainant can also be Reported to the University. However, the University's ability to address the allegation will depend on a number of factors regarding the information available and the Complainant's decision respecting whether or not to participate in a University process.
82. It may transpire that an allegation of Sexual Violence is Reported to the University anonymously. The University's ability to address the allegation will be dependent on a number of factors including the information available to substantiate the allegation and to permit a fair process.
83. In such circumstances, the University will make a determination under the sections of this Policy entitled "Reporting Process – Assessment and Determination and Appointment of an Investigator."

#### IX. REVIEW

84. The University recognizes that appropriately addressing Sexual Violence on campus is an evolving issue and that the University will revisit this Policy and its associated resources and other related and existing University policies on a regular basis.
85. The University will review this Policy every three years and amend it as appropriate.

## APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are intended to assist in the interpretation of this Policy, as well as other related University policies:

**Member(s) of the University Community:** Includes students, faculty, post-doctoral fellows, and all employees of the University of Toronto. When used in reference to the University's training obligation with respect to this Policy, the term also includes contractors and members of the Governing Council of the University.

**Complainant:** A Member of the University Community who has Disclosed or Reported an Incident of Sexual Violence experienced by that individual.

**Respondent:** Someone against whom an allegation of Sexual Violence has been made.

**Disclosure:** The sharing of information by an individual with a Member of the University Community regarding an Incident of Sexual Violence experienced by that individual.

**Reporting:** The sharing of information by an individual with a designated Member of the University Community regarding an Incident of Sexual Violence experienced by that individual, with the intention of initiating one of the processes set out in this Policy, which could result in disciplinary action being taken against the Member of the University Community alleged to have committed Sexual Violence.

**Incident of Sexual Violence:** Includes any instance of Sexual Violence, including Sexual Harassment and all associated definitions provided herein.

**Sexual Violence:** Any sexual act or act targeting a person's sexuality, gender identity or gender expression, whether the act is physical or psychological in nature, that is committed, threatened or attempted against a person without the person's consent, and includes Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, stalking, indecent exposure, voyeurism and sexual exploitation.

**Sexual Harassment:** Includes but is not limited to engaging in a course of vexatious comments or conduct that is known or ought to be known to be unwelcome. For the purpose of this Policy, sexual harassment includes workplace sexual harassment. Sexual harassment includes any sexual solicitation or advance made by a person in a position to confer, grant or deny a benefit or advancement to the person where the person making the solicitation or advance knows or ought reasonably to know that it is unwelcome. Sexual harassment also includes a reprisal or a threat of reprisal for the rejection of a sexual solicitation or advance, where the reprisal is made or threatened by a person in a position to confer, grant or deny a benefit or advancement to the person.

**Sexual Assault:** Any form of sexual contact without a person's consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. A sexual assault can range from unwanted sexual touching to forced sexual intercourse; and a sexual assault can involve situations where sexual activity is obtained by someone abusing a position of trust, power or authority.

**Cyber Sexual Violence:** Includes but is not limited to knowingly publishing, distributing, transmitting, selling, making available or advertising an intimate image of a person knowing that the person depicted in

the image did not give their consent to that conduct, or being reckless as to whether or not that person gave their consent to that conduct. An intimate image includes but is not limited to a visual recording of a person made by any means, including a photographic, digital or video recording, in which the person is nude and/or engaged in sexual activity. For the purpose of this Policy, sexual violence includes cyber sexual violence.

**Cyber Sexual Harassment:** Includes but is not limited to Sexual Harassment conducted in whole or in part through electronic means, such as email, web postings, text messaging and other forms of electronic behaviour. For the purpose of this Policy, Sexual Harassment includes cyber sexual harassment.

**Gender-based Harassment:** Includes but is not limited to any behaviour that polices and reinforces traditional heterosexual gender norms. For the purpose of this Policy, Sexual Harassment includes gender-based harassment.

**Consent:** The voluntary agreement of an individual to engage in a sexual act. Consent is positive, active and ongoing, and can be revoked at any time. Consenting to one kind of sexual act does not mean that consent is given for another sexual act or kind of activity. Consent is NOT obtained where a person is incapable of consenting – for example by intoxication, or where a person is induced to engage in the activity by someone abusing a position of trust, power or authority.

As per the *Criminal Code of Canada*, it is not a defence to an allegation of Sexual Violence that the Respondent believed that the Complainant consented to the activity that forms the subject-matter of the complaint, where (a) the Respondent's belief arose from the Respondent's (i) self-induced intoxication; or (ii) recklessness or willful blindness; or (b) the Respondent did not take reasonable steps, in the circumstances known to the accused at the time, to ascertain that the Complainant was consenting.

## APPENDIX B: REFERENCES TO OTHER POLICIES AND LEGISLATION

### Selected Relevant Legislation

- Ontario Bill 132, Sexual Violence and Harassment Action Plan Act
- Ontario Regulations to Bill 132
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)
- Ontario *Human Rights Code*

### Selected Relevant University of Toronto Policies and Guidelines

- Code of Student Conduct
- Policy with Respect to Workplace Harassment
- Policy with Respect to Workplace Violence
- Human Resources Guideline on Civil Conduct
- Statement on Prohibited Discrimination and Discriminatory Harassment
- Guidelines for Employees on Concerns and Complaints Regarding Prohibited Discrimination and Discriminatory Harassment
- Standards of Professional Practice Behaviour for all Health Professions Students
- Policy on Conflict of Interest – Academic Staff
- Conflict of Interest and Close Personal Relations
- Conflict of Interest and Close Personal Relations Protocols for Chairs and Academic Administrators
- Guideline Regarding Close Personal Relations between Senior University Administrators

# The University of Toronto's Sexual Violence Action Plan

University of Toronto Mississauga  
Campus Affairs Committee

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UNIVERSITY OF  
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# Bill 132

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(Supporting Survivors and Challenging Sexual Violence and Harassment), 2016*



Education and Prevention

Sexual Violence Policy

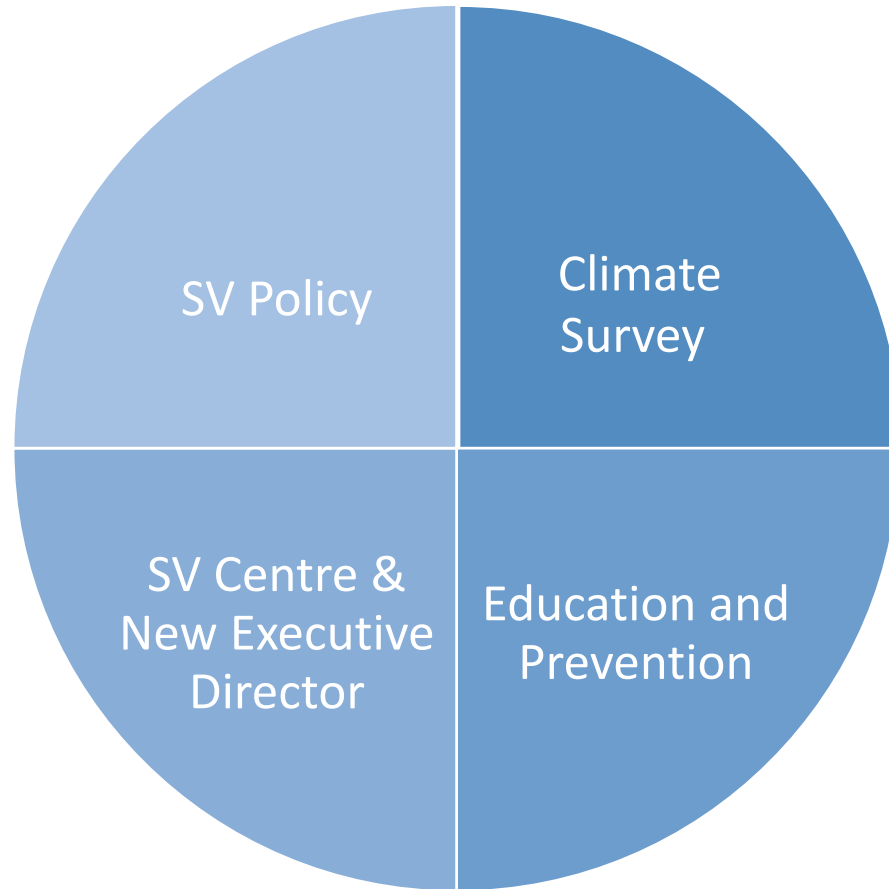
Climate Survey

Other Policy Revisions

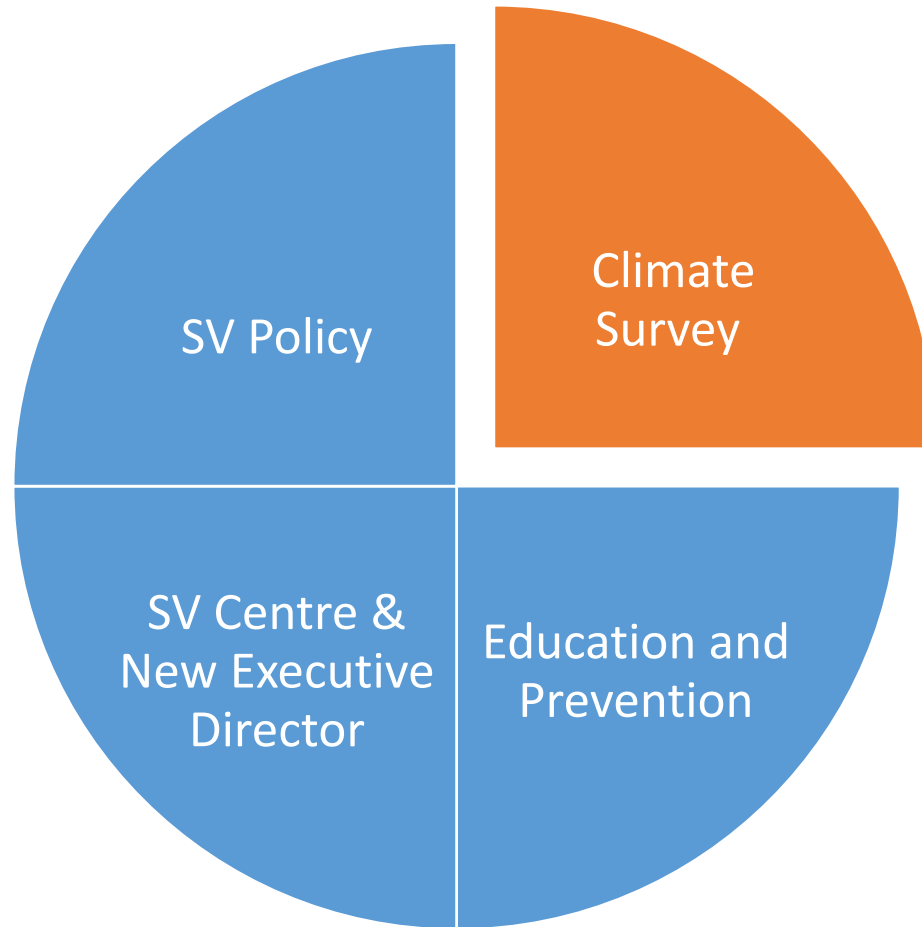
# Response to Advisory Committee

- ✓ Endorsed all Principles
- ✓ Accepted all Recommendations...
  1. New tri-campus centre
  2. New policy
  3. Review of existing policies
  4. Coordinated education
  5. Campus climate survey

# Sexual Violence Action Plan



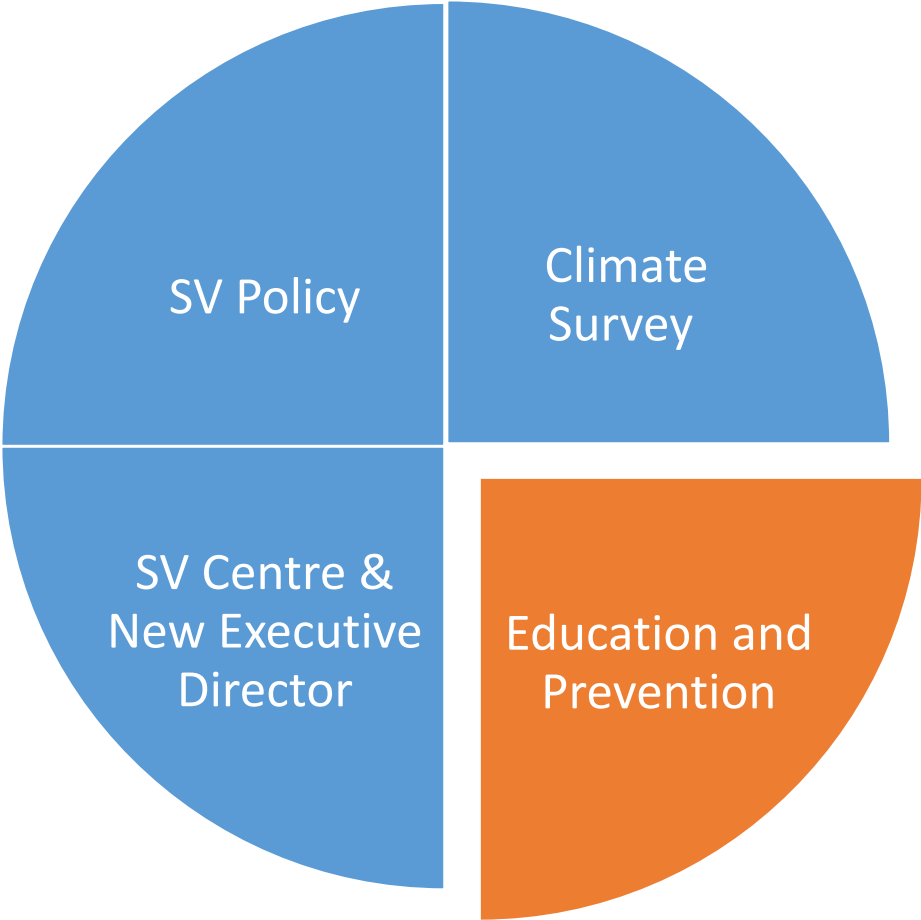
# UPDATE: Climate Survey



# Climate Survey Advisory Board

- **Sandy Welsh** (Chair), Professor, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts & Science, and Vice-Provost, Students
- **Nasma Ahmed** (Undergraduate Student), UTSC
- **Juhi Sujan** (Graduate Student), School of Public Policy and Governance, Faculty of Arts & Science
- **Michael Nicholson** (Administrative Staff Member), Coordinator, Student Academic Progress, Student Life
- **Janice Du Mont** (Faculty Member), Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health

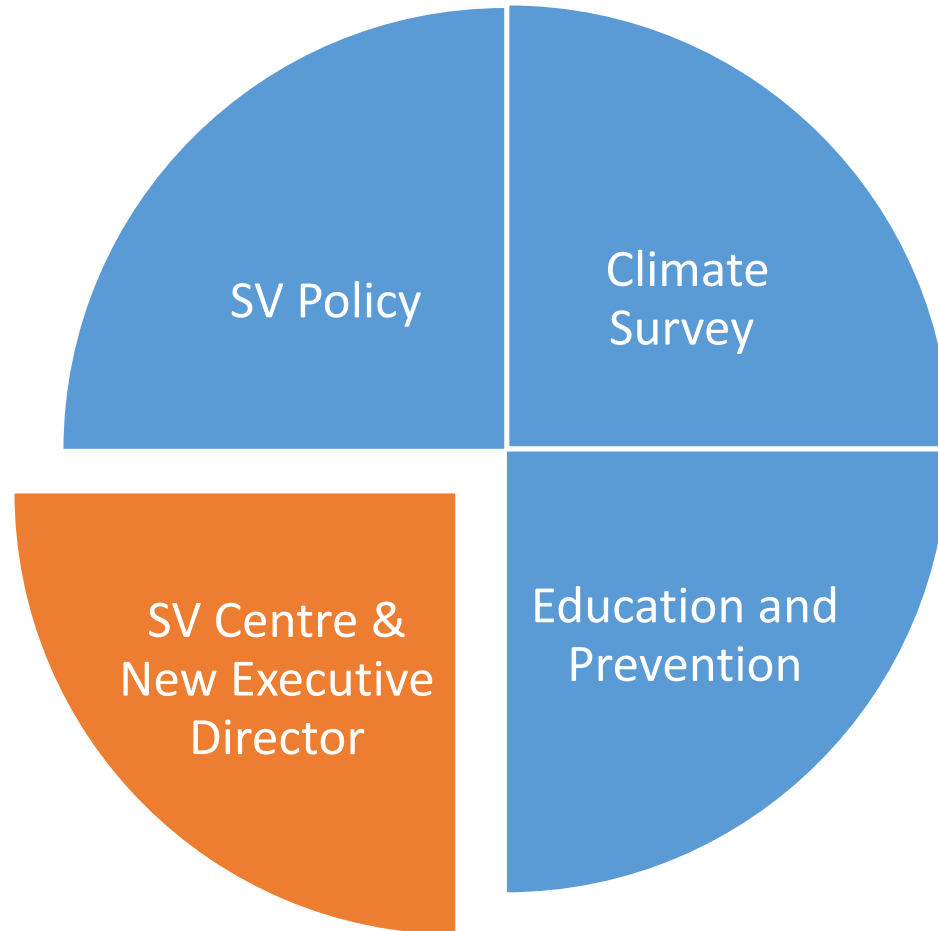
# UPDATE: Education and Prevention



# Education and Prevention Panel

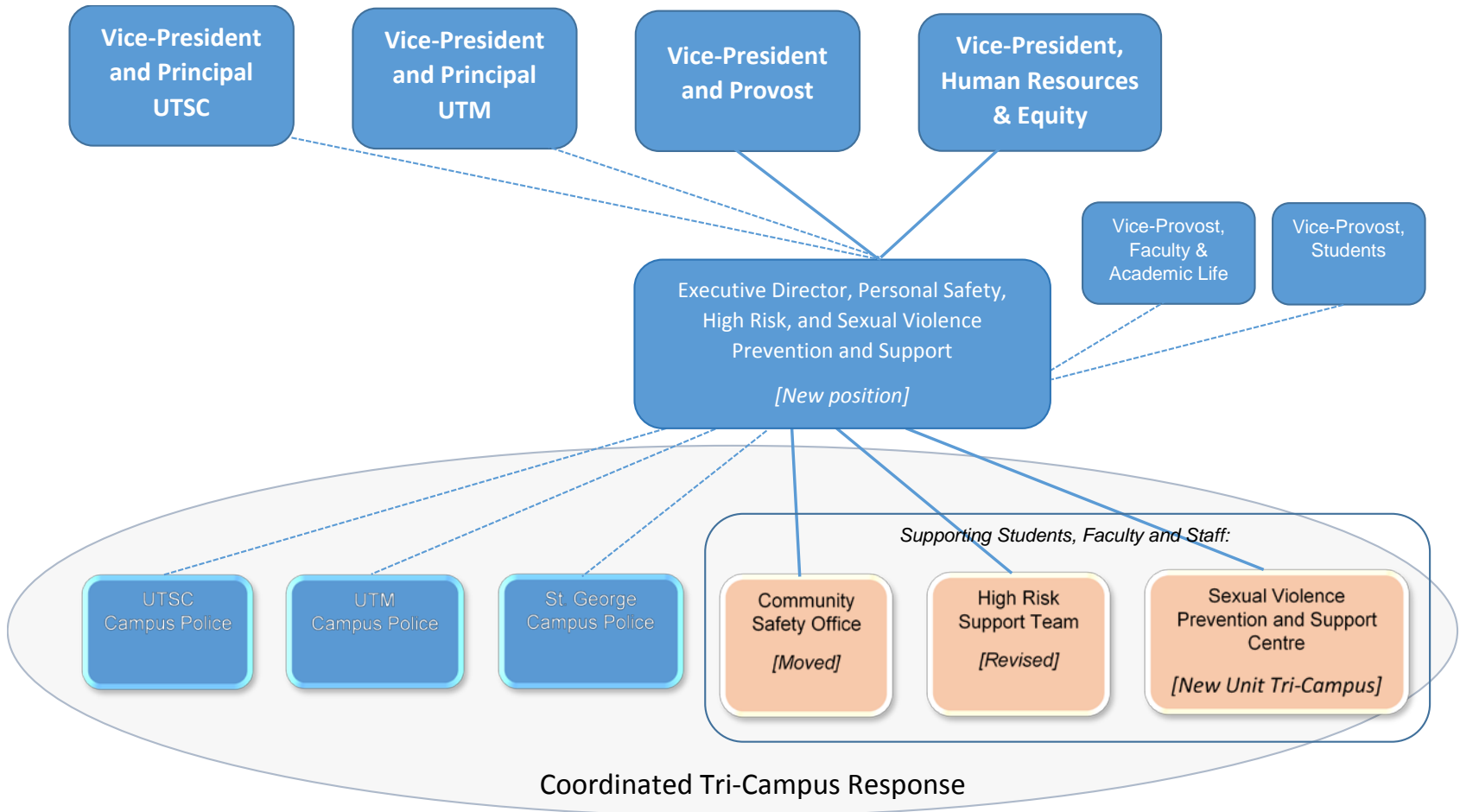
- **Gretchen Kerr** (Chair), Professor, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
- **Manvinder Sahota** (Undergraduate Student), St. Michael's College, Faculty of Arts & Science
- **Arij Elmi** (Graduate Student), Dalla Lana School of Public Health
- **Liza Arnason** (Administrative Staff Member), Director, Department of Student Life, University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC)
- **Lana Stermac** (Faculty Member), Professor, Department of Applied Psychology & Human Development, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

# UPDATE: Sexual Violence Centre

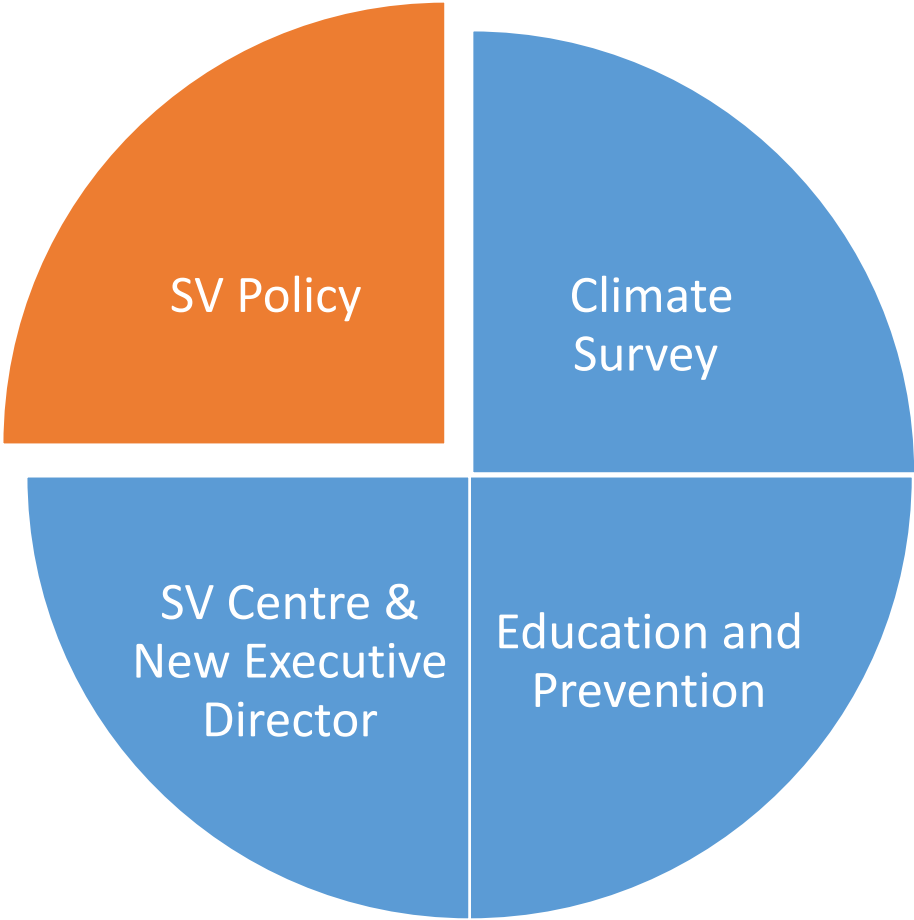




# Sexual Violence Prevention & Support Centre



# UPDATE: Sexual Violence Policy



# Recommendations released in August

University of Toronto  
Expert Panel on Sexual Violence Policies

To: Provost Cheryl Regehr and Professor Angela Hildyard, Vice-President, Human Resources & Equity  
From: The Expert Panel on Sexual Violence Policies  
Date: August 4, 2016  
Re: Recommendations for a new Sexual Violence Policy

## A. INTRODUCTION

Section 17(3) of Bill 132, which comes into effect on January 1, 2017, requires that every college or university described in subsection (2) shall have a sexual violence policy that (a) addresses sexual violence involving students enrolled at the college or university; (b) sets out the process for how the college or university will respond to and address incidents and complaints of sexual violence involving students enrolled at the college or university, and includes the elements specified in the regulations relating to the process; (c) addresses any other topics and includes any other elements required by the regulations; and (d) otherwise complies with the requirements set out in the regulations. Section 17(5) requires that every university shall review its sexual violence policy at least once every three years and amend it as appropriate. The accompanying Ontario Regulations to Bill 132, which also come into effect on January 1, 2017, require the University to establish a process to consult widely regarding the development of the sexual violence policy.

The Provost created an Expert Panel on Sexual Violence Policies, chaired by Mayo Moran, (Provost, Trinity College and Professor of Law), and whose membership included Saagarika Coleman (Undergraduate Student), Victoria College, Faculty of Arts & Science; Lahoma Thomas (Graduate Student), Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts & Science; Mark Overton (Administrative Staff Member), Dean of Student Affairs, and Assistant Principal, Student Services, University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM); and Brenda Cossman, Faculty Member, (Faculty of Law).

The Provost asked the Expert Panel to advise her and Professor Angela Hildyard on principles and recommendations for a new stand-alone policy on sexual violence and provide general recommendations for revisions to existing University policies addressing sexual violence and sexual harassment. As well, the panel was asked to make recommendations regarding a companion document that will explain procedures related to the approved policies. In fulfilling

- 40 recommendations in six categories:
  - General
  - Definitions
  - Confidentiality
  - Statement of Purpose
  - Elements
  - Companion Guide

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# Some changes required by September 8

- “Workplace harassment” includes “workplace sexual harassment” in:
  - *Policy with Respect to Workplace Harassment*
  - *Human Resources Guideline on Civil Conduct*
  - *Guideline for Employees on Concerns and Complaints Regarding Prohibited Discrimination and Discriminatory Harassment*

# Consultation underway on draft Policy

- Draft policy complete and in consultation
- Consultation to run until mid-October
  - Students, staff and faculty at all three campuses
- Governing Council
  - Information sessions in cycle 1 (Sept/Oct)
  - Seek approval in cycle 2 (Nov/Dec)
  - Policy must come into force by January 1

# Governing Council timeline

## For information (cycle 1)

Meeting	Date
UTM Campus Affairs Committee	September 15
UTSC Campus Affairs Committee	September 20
Business Board	September 22
UTSC Campus Council	October 5
University Affairs Board	October 5
<b>Special Governors' Session</b>	<b>October 5</b>
Academic Board	October 6
UTM Campus Council	October 6
Executive Committee	October 19

# Governing Council timeline

## Approvals (cycle 2)

Meeting	Date
Business Board (for information)	November 17
Academic Board (for information)	November 24
University Affairs Board	November 28
Executive Committee	December 5
Governing Council	December 15

# Policy highlights

- Definition of sexual violence includes sexual harassment
- One policy for all students, staff, and faculty
- Policy applies to incidents on-campus, off-campus, and online
- Complainant has options on how to proceed
- No mandatory mediation
- Procedural fairness for the respondent



# Online Consultation

## [consultations.students.utoronto.ca](http://consultations.students.utoronto.ca)

### Current Consultations

*If you or someone you know has experienced sexual violence and requires assistance, please access the [safety programs and resources available to students, staff, and faculty both on- and off-campus](#).*

#### DRAFT “Policy on Sexual Violence”

##### Summary

The draft *Policy on Sexual Violence* draws on the [recommendations of the Expert Panel on Sexual Violence Policies](#) and the requirements of Bill 132. The draft *Policy* also builds on the work of the Presidential and Provostial Committee on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence, which began in November 2014.

The legislation requires that a policy come into force by January 1, 2017 that outlines how universities will respond to and address incidents and complaints of sexual violence involving students enrolled at the University.

The draft *Policy* is now available. Please provide feedback via the button below.

For further information, please see the University’s work on [Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence](#) on the Provost’s Office website. Questions can be directed to [provost@utoronto.ca](mailto:provost@utoronto.ca).

#### Related Document(s)

1. Draft Policy

#### Applicable to:

**All members of the University Community**

#### Status

Consultation is now underway

[Give Feedback](#)