Student Behavioral Consultation Team & Conduct: Overview and Recommendations for Changes

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2012-2013
- 297 cases (up 27% from previous year)
  - 40% prior mental health concern
  - Emotional distress (53%)
  - Thoughts/threats to others (16%)
  - 69 went to the hospital (26 admitted)
  - 18 took leaves of absences

2013-2014 (to present)
- 264 cases
  - 42% prior mental health concern
  - Emotional distress (48%)
  - 56 went to hospital (14 admitted)
  - 26 have taken leaves of absence
Conduct

- **2012-2013**
  - 758 total students in process
    - Alcohol related (29%)
    - Drug related (16%)
    - Sanction: Deferred Suspension (29%), No action taken (15%)
    - Condition: Alcohol & Drug Evaluation (74), Research/Reflection paper (61), Ethical Decision Making seminar (8 students)

- **2013-2014 (to present)**
  - 534 Accused students, 48 victims, 147 conversations
    - 18 Title IX cases
    - 13 Good Samaritan cases
    - 304 copyright infringement cases
Code Recommendations

Purpose

- Student friendly (clear, accessible language)
- Educational over legalistic
- Federal guidelines
  - Title IX

- Long time since last full review
  - Ensure we are in line with best practices
Code Recommendations

- **Process**
  - Charge from Dr. Heath, Interim Senior VP for Student Affairs
    - Review and compare to model code and other best practices
  - Language should be accessible to students
    - Less legalistic/formal
    - More approachable (less antiquated words)
    - Fit RIT culture
  - Various resources utilized
    - Association of Student Conduct Administration model code
    - Peers and other schools
    - Other relevant research articles and documents
    - RIT Housing Operation’s Terms and Conditions and other RIT policies
    - RIT Legal Affairs
Committee Members

- Jeremy Babcock, Assistant Director of Housing, Housing Operations
- Rachel Betron, Student
- Tammy Brongo, Assistant to the Director, Center for Student Conduct
- Elizabeth Chase, Graduate Intern, Center for Student Conduct
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- Eric Pope, Associate Director, Greek Life
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- Lee Twyman, Ombudsperson
Code Recommendations

- Summary of Recommendations
  - Codes
    - Clearer language
    - In line with federal guidelines/statutes (Title IX, VAWA, Safe Act, etc.)
  - Response to Violations
    - More educational and restorative
  - Appeals
    - Shorter process
Code Recommendations

- Process for proposing recommendations
  - Introduction to Institute Council (today)
  - Staff Council (April 24, 2014, 2:00PM-3:30PM)
  - Student Government (April 25, 2014, 1:00PM-2:00PM)
  - Academic Senate (May 1, 2014, 12:15PM-12:40PM)
  - Return for vote (May 7, 2014)

- Inclusion in 2014-15 Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook
Questions?