SVA Campus Climate for Sexual Misconduct Survey

SVA advertised the Campus Climate for Sexual Misconduct Survey (Campus Climate Survey) to all students, and sent every student an emailed invitation to complete the survey starting on April 11, 2017. The survey was voluntary, and all responses to the survey were anonymous.

Participation Rates

- 353 students participated in the survey, comprising a nine percent response rate.

Participant Profiles

- 85 percent (301 student respondents) were undergraduates.
- 63 percent (223 student respondents) were US citizens or permanent residents. 37 percent (130 student respondents) were from a country outside of the US.
- 70 percent (249 student respondents) identified as female, 19 percent (68 student respondents) identified as male, 8 percent (30 student respondents) identified with non-binary gender identities.

Areas of Inquiry Covered by this Report

- The Title IX Coordinator’s role;
- Campus policies and procedures addressing sexual assault;
- How and where to report sexual violence;
- The prevalence of sexual misconduct on and off-campus during the last year;
- Whether sexual misconduct was reported to the College and/or police;
- Affirmative Consent

Reported Sexual Misconduct

The Campus Climate Survey asked students whether they experienced sexual misconduct in their time at SVA. 17.5% (62 student respondents) indicated that they had experienced sexual misconduct. Of those who reported experiencing sexual misconduct in their time at SVA, the following types of misconduct were reported:

Type of Misconduct

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<th>Type of Misconduct</th>
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<td>Sex-based discrimination</td>
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<td>Sexual or sex-based harassment</td>
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<td>Sexual Assault</td>
<td>35% (22 respondents)</td>
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<td>Stalking</td>
<td>22% (14 respondents)</td>
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Dating or Domestic Violence 18% (11 respondents)

Reasons Students Did Not Report

Of the survey respondents who said they experienced sexual misconduct, 23% indicated that they made a report to SVA. Of those who chose not to report, the following are the reasons they provided:

- I did not think it was serious enough to report 49% (24 respondents)
- I did not think anything would be done 31% (15 respondents)
- Felt embarrassed, or that it would be too emotionally difficult 27% (13 respondents)
- Incident was not on campus or associated with the school 27% (13 respondents)
- Did not know where to go or who to tell 24% (12 respondents)
- I did not want the person to get into trouble 18% (9 respondents)
- I feared negative social consequences 18% (9 respondents)
- I did not think anyone would believe me 16% (8 respondents)
- I feared it would not be kept confidential 16% (8 respondents)
- I was worried about retaliation from other students 12% (6 respondents)
- Incident did not occur while attending school 8% (4 respondents)

Knowledge of Reporting and Support Options

The Survey asked students to indicate their knowledge of which campus employees are trained to receive complaints of sexual misconduct. 47% (165 student respondents) answered this question. Nearly 80% of those respondents indicated their awareness of the role of the Title IX Coordinator. The full list of responses is included below.

- Title IX Coordinator 79% (131 respondents)
- RAs 75% (124 respondents)
- Security Officers 65% (107 respondents)
- Administrative Staff Members 56% (92 respondents)
- Professors/Faculty Members 46% (76 respondents)
Knowledge of Policies

59% (208 student respondents) answered the question asking if they were aware of the definition of affirmative consent. Of that group, 95 percent (199 student respondents) indicated that they are aware of the definition of affirmative consent.

55% (196 student respondents) answered the question asking if they were aware that they would not be disciplined for drug or alcohol use when reporting sexual misconduct, or participating as a witness to an investigation. Of that group, 77 percent (151 student respondents) indicated awareness of this policy.