

Michigan State University
Sexual Violence Advisory Committee
Established October 15, 2015

Overview and Charge

The MSU Sexual Violence Advisory Committee (SVAC) serves to provide community input and advice to the University through the MSU Title IX Coordinator on matters pertaining to the University's compliance with Title IX. The SVAC will serve as a forum for community engagement and constituency feedback. To foster community engagement, SVAC will identify opportunities, such as speakers or events, to engage the campus community and develop plans to disseminate information to their constituencies. SVAC will provide input in response to University programs and initiatives aimed at raising awareness and reducing the prevalence of sexual violence. In order to provide constituency feedback, SVAC will conduct an annual open meeting and assist with efforts by the Title IX Coordinator to conduct annual climate checks.

The SVAC will be advised by experts and representatives from campus administrative units who serve an integral role in supporting MSU's responsibilities under Title IX. Such administrative units include SARV Prevention Program, Sexual Assault Program, MSU Safe Place, Residential Education and Housing Services, Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, Institutional Equity, Inclusion, International Students and Scholars, MSU Police, General Counsel, and other offices as necessary, who will provide information on current university policies, practices, and programs.

The SVAC shall not have responsibility for, or advise on, the investigation or adjudication of specific cases and incidents or day-to-day operations.

Members

The SVAC is composed of faculty, staff, and students who will represent the broad interests of the campus community and are appointed by the President. Members of SVAC shall serve a one-year term, with the possibility of reappointment.

The SVAC will include the following student representatives:

- One representative of ASMSU
- One representative of COGS

- One representative of CORES/COPS nominated by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services
- One representative nominated by the Director of the Office for International Students and Scholars
- One representative of the President's Advisory Committee on Disability Issues
- One representative of the Alliance of Queer and Ally Students nominated by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services
- Two representatives from the Greek Councils: Intrafraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council nominated by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, with at least one representative from the Multicultural Greek Council or the National Pan-Hellenic Council.
- One representative from Residential Education and Housing Services nominated by the Vice President for Residential and Hospitality Services.
- One representative from Band nominated by the Dean of the College of Music.
- One representative of Student Athletes nominated by the Athletic Director.

The SVAC will include the following faculty and staff representatives:

- Three at-large representatives, two of whom will be faculty and the other a representative of the Department of Athletics
- One representatives of the Women's Advisory Committee to the Provost
- One representatives of the Women's Advisory Committee for Support Staff

The SVAC will include one ex-officio representative of the MSU College of Law

All faculty, staff and student members are appointed by the President of the University. The President will confer with the Secretary of Academic Governance in selecting faculty for the at-large faculty representatives. Unless otherwise noted, student members will be nominated by relevant student governance groups. The SVAC chair (or co-chairs) will be appointed by the President.

The SVAC will be supported by the office of the Title IX Coordinator. The committee will meet monthly throughout the academic year and prepare an annual report summarizing the committee's activities and feedback gathered from the campus community. This annual report will be provided to the Title IX Coordinator and the Violence Free Communities Committee in April of each year. SVAC members will be invited to the April VFC meeting each year to review SVAC's report with VFC in order to facilitate development of recommendations and strategic plans by VFC. The Title IX Coordinator will work with the relevant campus units to review feedback provided by SVAC and implement recommendations provided by VFC as appropriate.