Statement on Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Violence

Sexual misconduct and sexual violence violate the values of our community and are unacceptable at the college. Sexual misconduct and sexual violence can be devastating to the person who experiences it directly and can be traumatic to the person’s family, friends and larger Olin community as well. Anyone who believes she or he has been sexually assaulted is encouraged to report the incident and to seek medical care as soon as possible. When the college receives a report about sexual misconduct or sexual violence, we are required to follow up on the report using the information that we are given. Reporters of sexual violence can request their names be kept confidential during an investigation.

Terms and Definitions

- **Sexual misconduct** includes, but is not limited to sexual harassment, non-consensual sexual intercourse (or attempts to commit same), non-consensual sexual contact (or attempts to commit same) and sexual exploitation.
- **Sexual harassment**: gender-based verbal or physical conduct that unreasonably interferes with or deprives someone of educational access, benefits or opportunities.
- **Non-consensual sexual intercourse**: any sexual intercourse (anal, oral or vaginal), however slight, with any object, without consent.
- **Non-consensual sexual contact**: is any intentional sexual touching, however slight, with any object, without consent.
- **Consent** is informed, knowing and voluntary permission for sexual activity. Consent is active, not passive. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent. Consent to one form of sexual activity cannot imply consent to other forms of sexual activity. Previous relationships or consent cannot imply consent to future sexual acts. Consent cannot be procured by use of physical force, compelling threats, intimidating behavior or coercion. Consent cannot be given while under the influence of drugs when your ability to give consent has been impaired.
- **The legal age for consent** is defined by the state of Massachusetts. More information is available at: [http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/subject/about/sex.html](http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/subject/about/sex.html)
- **Coercion** is unreasonable pressure for sexual activity. Coercive behavior differs from seductive behavior based on the type of pressure someone uses to get consent from another. When someone makes clear to you that they do not want sex, that they want to stop, or that they do not want to go past a certain point of sexual interaction, continued pressure beyond that point can be coercive.
- **Sexual exploitation** occurs when a student takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for his/her own advantage or benefit, or to benefit or advantage anyone other than the one being exploited, and that behavior does not otherwise constitute one of the other sexual misconduct offenses. Examples of sexual exploitation include, but are not limited to:
  - Making public sexual activity without the consent of the involved parties;
  - Prostituting another student;
  - Using technology to record or broadcast sexual activity without the consent of the involved parties, this includes but is not limited to video or audio-taping of sexual activity;
  - Going beyond the boundaries of consent (such as letting your friends hide in the closet to watch you having consensual sex);
  - Voyeurism; and
  - Knowingly transmitting an STD or HIV to another student. These terms are blind to the sexual orientation or preference of individuals engaging in sexual activity.
As a victim or friend helping a victim, it’s important that you know what options are available to you. In addition to the options below you’ll see a list of resources here at Olin and in the greater Boston area. This includes contact information for staff in the Office of Student Life, area hotlines, contact information at the local hospitals and phone numbers for local police. Our goal is to provide you with support and information that you can use now or in the future.

Please note, by choosing one of the resources in this pamphlet or the options below for a particular course of action, you are not limited in who else you can contact for help or any additional courses of action that you want to pursue. For example, choosing to file a report with the Honor Board does not mean you can’t pursue criminal charges or can’t request a no-contact order from the Office of Student Life. All of these options are available to you. Similarly, you can call as many people on the “Resources” list as you need to. Calling one does not mean you can’t call another.

Office of Student Life
The Office of Student Life can help discuss any of the options in this pamphlet and can also help arrange counseling. The Dean of Student Life can also issue no-contact orders and emergency suspensions.

Counseling
The Office of Student Life has a wide range of counselors that can meet with you on-campus or off-campus. We can help set up the appointment or you can set up an appointment on your own by calling the number listed in the Resource section. The Office of Student Life is required to follow-up on incidents of sexual assault and sexual misconduct. However, victims may request confidentiality during this process.

Honor Board
Reports of sexual violence and sexual misconduct may be sent to the Honor Board by framing the incident around the values of the Honor Code or the policies outlined in the Student Handbook. Victims of sexual misconduct and sexual assault can report an incident to the Honor Board, police or both.

Local Hospitals and Police
We strongly encourage all incidents be reported to the police to help provide support to victims and reduce the likelihood of a second incident. Reporters may request confidentiality. Local hospitals can also assist with support services and can also help gather evidence for a victim. Evidence collected by the hospital will only be used in court should the victim choose to use that evidence.

Resources

If you are in immediate danger, call: 9.1.1

On-campus
Public Safety: 781.239.5555
R2-on call: 781.953.0061
Rae-Anne Butera
Dean of Student Life
rae.anne.butera@olin.edu
781.292.2321
Nick Tatar
Assistant Dean of Student Life and
Adviser to the Honor Board
nick.tatar@olin.edu
781.292.2326
Alison Black
Assistant Dean of Student Life and
Title IX Coordinator
alison.black@olin.edu
781.292.2327
Campus Center 319a

Colony Care Behavioral Health:
781.431.1177 x213
(This is a voicemail service for Laura Kinney, our main Olin contact at Colony Care. Leave your name and number and she or another counselor will call you back to set up an appointment.) Colony Care has offices off-campus. Free transportation is available through Wellesley Transportation. Call 781.235.2200 to arrange for a ride to your appointment.

Babson Health Services: To schedule an appointment call: 781.239.6363. Office hours are posted at: http://www.babson.edu/offices-services/health-services

Off-campus
Available 24 hours a day
Needham Police Department: 781.455.7570
If you are in immediate danger, call: 9.1.1
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC): 800.841.8371
http://www.barcc.org/
Reach Beyond Domestic Violence: 800.899.4000
http://www.reachma.org/
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC): 617.754.2400
330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215
Newton Wellesley Hospital: 617.243.6521
2014 Washington St., Newton, MA 02462
http://www.nwh.org/
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