

# SVSEC/ BUSU Advisory Committee Meeting

**Location:** Microsoft Teams

**Date:** January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 4pm

**In attendance:**

## Land acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today.

This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Agreement.

Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the ongoing settler capitalist exploitation of Indigenous lands and resources.

## Agenda

- Welcome to January
- Review of terms of reference for the group (brief)
- Review and accepting of previous meeting minutes
- Climate action survey
  - Climate Survey Report is here: <https://brocku.ca/campus-climate-survey/wp-content/uploads/sites/210/Brock-University-Final-Report.pdf>
  - Unwanted Sexual Experiences runs from p. 112-140.
  - You can also view this material through the power point slides here: <https://brocku.ca/campus-climate-survey/wp-content/uploads/sites/210/Brock-Slidedeck-Final.pdf>
- Plans for future meetings
- Setting meeting times
- Closing

## **Discussion & Planning: Climate Survey Findings on GSV**

### **Discussion Goals:**

1. **Interpret** how the assessment results are related to holes in current systems or flaws in campus culture;
2. **Generate** plans for change based on these holes & flaws;
3. **Divide** these plans into short and long term actions;
5. **Generate ideas of programming and community partners we can connect with.**

**Background:** From Fall 2019 to Spring 2020, Rankin & Associates Consulting worked with Brock to conduct a Campus Climate Survey to assess the living, learning, and working environment at Brock. A Meaningful Percentage of Respondents Experienced Unwanted Sexual Conduct. In 2018, the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities published findings from the “Student Voices on Sexual Violence Survey.” This report showed that sexual violence is a substantial issue on campuses in Canada. More recently (September 14, 2020), Statistics Canada showed that one in ten women students was sexually assaulted in a postsecondary setting. One section of the Brock University survey requested information on respondents’ experiences with unwanted sexual contact/conduct.

- 11% (n = 335) of respondents indicated that they had experienced unwanted sexual contact/conduct while at Brock University (p. 112).
  - 2% (n = 46) experienced relationship violence (e.g., ridiculed, controlling, hitting, p. 113).
  - 4% (n = 111) experienced stalking (e.g., following me, on social media, texting, phone calls, p. 116).
  - 7% (n = 196) experienced sexual interaction (e.g., catcalling, repeated sexual advances, sexual harassment, p. 123).
  - 3% (n = 95) experienced unwanted sexual contact (e.g., fondling, rape, sexual assault, penetration without consent, p. 130).
- Respondents identified Brock University students, current or former dating/intimate partners, acquaintances/friends, and strangers as sources of unwanted sexual contact/conduct (pp. 114-133).

Most respondents did not report this unwanted sexual contact/conduct (pp. 115-136). Survey respondents were offered the opportunity to elaborate on why they did not report the various forms of unwanted sexual contact/conduct. The primary reason cited for not reporting these incidents was that the incidents did not feel serious enough to report, the respondents did not trust the institution, and they feared social stigma.

### **Discussion points:**

#### **1. “Interpret”**

- How are the assessment results related to holes in current systems or flaws in campus culture?

#### **2. “Generate”**

- What are some plans for change based on these holes & flaws?

#### **3. “Divide”**

- Which plans will be short term actions?
- Which plans will be long term actions?

#### **4. “Generate” ideas of programming and community partners we can connect with.**