SYLLABI STATEMENTS

I was asked at the January Senate meeting to provide information on syllabi statements related to ADA and Title IX.

No laws specifically state this information must be provided in a syllabi. However, it is best practice to do so because it is one more way that the university can ensure we are making the effort to give students information on their rights, responsibilities and services as often and in as many places as we can.

*Recommended syllabi statements are on our website:*

**Sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating/domestic violence and stalking.** The Office of Global Diversity and Inclusion has provided a [recommend syllabi statement](http://www.pdx.edu/sexual-assault/faculty-staff-resources-responding-to-students-in-distress) (at the bottom of the first full paragraph).

Any questions can be addressed to Julie Caron, PSU’s Title IX Coordinator at 503-725-4410 or jucaron@pdx.edu.

**Disability accommodations.** The Disability Resource Center has provided a [recommended syllabi statement](http://www.pdx.edu/drc/suggested-syllabus-statement).

Any questions can be addressed to Jen Dugger, DRC Director at 503-725-2035 or drc@pdx.edu.

*Of Note:*

- The Oregon Attorney General Sexual Assault Task Force has recommended that all Oregon universities provide a statement regarding the faculty members’ Title IX reporting obligations and who they may contact for confidential services. Numerous universities and colleges, including UO and SOU, are requiring this information to be in their in syllabi statements.

- Title IX of the 1972 Education Act requires “responsible employees” to report any Title IX incident they learn of to the Title IX Coordinator or her designee. The Department of Education specifically designated faculty members as responsible employees. These reports include any information about sexual harassment, sexual assaults, rape, stalking and domestic/dating violence and must be reported even if the responsible employee does not know all the details, such as the name of the perpetuator.

- Title IX, the Clery Act, which was amended by the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (Campus SaVE Act), and Oregon Senate Bill 759 require universities to provide students with information about who has reporting obligations, what confidential sources are available on campus and how to report. The Oregon Senate Bill 759 requires this information to be provided to students in writing.

- The PSU Office of Global Diversity and Inclusion does receive reports about Title IX incidents from faculty who did not inform the student that they have reporting obligations. The student was upset that the faculty member reported the incident, thinking they could trust the faculty member to keep the information confidential. It is best that a student learns about faculty members’ reporting obligations before they are in crises and the syllabi statement is the best avenue to do so.

- Additionally, Campus SaVE Act has very specific detailed information that it requires students to receive, beyond what is in the syllabi statements. The Safe Campus Module provides that information. Informing students of their requirement to complete the module in the syllabi statement will enhance our efforts to obtain a higher percentage of student completing this requirement.

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