

Sexual Harassment Survey

The following questions are for the purpose of this survey only. While the results of this study may be published, complete anonymity will be ensured.

Age: _____ Faculty/Department: _____

Definition of Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment has been defined as unwanted or unreciprocated sexual advances. These may take the form of sexual comments, looks, suggestions, or physical contact. At its most extreme it may take the form of sexual propositions or even sexual assault.

This situation becomes extremely dangerous in our educational system. Sexual harassment in itself is bad enough, but when it is used by someone in a position of authority (i.e. professor/teacher, administrator) to influence the academic future of a student, it is a very grave situation.

The following questions are intended to determine the extent to which sexual harassment occurs in our post-secondary educational system.

1. Have you ever experienced any of the following forms of sexual harassment?
 - (a) Verbal (suggestive comments, innuendos, etc.)
 - (b) Physical (touching, pinching, fondling, etc.)
 - (c) Sexual propositions
 - (d) Sexual assault
2. From whom did you experience this form of sexual harassment?
 - (a) Peer Group
 - (b) Faculty member
 - (c) Teaching assistants
 - (d) Administrative personnel
3. How did you respond to this incident?
 - (a) Ignored it or laughed it off
 - (b) Refused to comply
 - (c) Complied
 - (d) Reported the incident
 - (e) Reprimanded the individual involved
4. If you refused to give in to sexual harassment, did you feel this affected your academic standing?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No
5. If YES, in what way?
 - (a) Received lower grades
 - (b) Failed course
 - (c) Switched courses
 - (d) Left educational institution
 - (e) Other (please specify)
6. Did you report the incident?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No
7. If YES, who was the person you reported it to?
 - (a) A councillor
 - (b) A faculty member
 - (c) A fellow student
 - (d) A Student Union official
 - (e) A chaplain
 - (f) An administrator
 - (g) Legal advisor
 - (h) Friend or family member
 - (i) Member of the Women's Committee
 - (j) Ombudsman
 - (k) Other (please specify)

8. How did the person respond?
 - (a) Did not believe you
 - (b) Made light of the situation
 - (c) Sympathetic but unable to help
 - (d) Sympathetic but unwilling to help
 - (e) Talked to and reprimanded the individual
 - (f) Fired the person
 - (g) Blamed you
 - (h) Other (please specify)

The following questions are an attempt to obtain your comments and opinions on the issue of sexual harassment.

9. Do you think sexual harassment is a problem on campus?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No
10. Do you think individuals in a position of authority (i.e. professor/teacher, administrator) should be penalized for actions judged to be sexual harassment of students?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No
11. Are you aware of a grievance procedure to complain about this problem on campus?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No
12. Do you feel a grievance procedure should be implemented on campus?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No
13. Are you aware of the existence of the Women's Committee on campus?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No
14. Do you think having a Women's Centre or a room in the university would be a good idea?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No
15. Do you feel a need for an escort service?
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No

Additional comments or questions:

Drop off completed surveys in marked boxes around campus, including those at the Killam Library and SUB Inquiry Desk.