

**University of Alaska Fairbanks Title IX Brief
Academic Year 2020-2021
November 2020 Board of Regents Meeting**

Effort	Comments
<p>Outreach, Education and Prevention/Awareness Programming</p>	<p><i>Fall 2020 Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Student Orientation and extended orientation • Clery Campus Security Authority training (Fairbanks and community campuses) • Title IX training for ResLife professional staff, resident assistants, desk attendants, mentors, Admissions staff and tour leaders. • Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Communication • Constitution Day: The Constitution and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion • #FirstGenAK Mentorship Program, Mentors training • Emerging Scholars: Intersectionality Workshop • Saul Flores: Servant Leadership • SafeZone Training • Climate, Justice, Jobs Local Candidate Forum • Socially Just Praxis: Developing an Inclusive Course Workshop • Advocacy and Activism for Social Change Student Presentation • Identity and Intersectionality Workshop • Prevention & Wellness Orientation and Craft Kits • QPR Suicide Prevention Training for UAF Writing Instructors • Stop the Stigma Day • Self-Care Planning Workshop • Prevention Peer Educator Program • Suicide Prevention Week Tabling/Information/Resources • Zoom Kahoot on Alcohol Education Prevention • Bulletin Board in the gender binary/pronouns ResLife • Health & Counseling resource bulletin boards and social media outreach on wellness • Hispanic Heritage Month • Kahoot Trivia Night with an emphasis on Res Life Policies • Self-Care and Academic Success Programs • Mental Health & Resilience programs and film showing • Healthy Relationships programs at ResLife

<p>Training</p>	<p>Title IX Student Training Completion: As of October 6, 2020, 19% of UAF students have completed the training. Students will continue to receive outreach regarding completion through the October 31, 2020 deadline.</p> <p>Title IX Employee Training Completion: As of October 6, 2020, 61% of UAF employees have completed the training. Employees will continue to receive outreach regarding completion through the October 31, 2020 deadline.</p> <p>Title IX Training Completed by Title IX Employees: UAF Office of Equity and Compliance’s Title IX staff were trained on the new Federal rule in June 2020 by ATIXA and will attend Grand River Solutions’ training on October 14, 2020. Title IX staff training is posted online at: https://www.uaf.edu/equity/training</p> <p>Bi-annual Title IX Training for Residence Life: Title IX training for ResLife professional staff, resident assistants, desk attendants, and mentors was completed on August 17, 2020. The next training will occur in January 2021.</p> <p>Bystander Intervention Training: UAF provides training to students and employees using the Green Dot training program throughout the year. ResLife staff received training on August 16, 2020.</p>
<p>Title IX General Updates</p>	<p>Advocacy: UAF contracts with the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living to offer victim advocacy resources and services 24/7 specifically for complainants. Resources will be provided to respondents when applicable. The ASUAF Student Advocate is available to both complainants and respondents for assistance with the Title IX process and resource information.</p> <p>Rights: Complainants are provided rights and resources at the time a report is made and again at the time an investigation occurs. Respondents are provided rights and resources at the time an investigation or informal resolution process begins.</p> <p>Legal Resources: UAF Student Government (ASUAF) contracts with a law firm to offer students 30-minute legal consultations. Employee Assistance Program offers employees a 30-minute consultation with an attorney.</p>

	<p>Counseling: Utilized by both complainants and respondents, the Student Health and Counseling Center or Employee Assistance Program are offered, depending on the parties' affiliation.</p> <p>Website: The UAF Department of Equity and Compliance website has been updated for compliance with the new Federal rules: https://www.uaf.edu/equity/</p> <p>Rights Notification: All UAF students and employees received a rights notification on September 14, 2020. Additionally, departments with university sponsored off-campus activities are working with students to ensure they know their rights during those activities. UAF and 3rd party sponsors have agreements on file with nondiscrimination expectations written into MOU/MOAs.</p>
<p>Community & Campus Engagement</p>	<p>The UAF Department of Equity and Compliance works closely with Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities (CSRR), Residence Life, UA Human Resources (UA HR) as well as many other departments at UAF. Bi-weekly meetings are held with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the Provost, CSRR and UA HR. Monthly meetings are held with Residence Life, UAF Police Chief, Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living, and Fairbanks Prevention Coalition.</p> <p>Collaboration with the Cooperative Extension Service on Civil Rights Compliance. There has been extensive discussion and action to train volunteers in the 4-H and Master Gardener Programs on Title IX and Protection of Minors.</p> <p>The UAF Strategic Plan on Inclusive Excellence is currently project planning to meet the strategic initiatives. Individuals participating are from the following departments and community partners; Admissions, Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development, Alumni Relations, Athletics, Biomedical Learning and Student Training Program, College of Engineering and Mines, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, Foundation, eCampus, Geophysical Institute, governance groups, Graduate School, Grants and Contracts Administration, Nanook Diversity and Action Center, Northwest Campus, Office of Information Technology, School of Education, Student Support Services, UA Human Resources, UAF Police Department, University Relations, Student Affairs, Water and Environmental Research Center,</p>

	<p>students: undergraduate and graduate, Blossom House, advocate for individuals with disabilities, Fairbanks Diversity Council, First Alaskans Institute, and Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living.</p> <p>Director/ Title IX Coordinator of Equity and Compliance is a collaborator on two UAF faculty proposals addressing wellness and education disparities.</p>
<p>Challenges</p>	<p>COVID-19: Although staff have done a great job navigating remote work during the pandemic, there are challenges outside of the University’s control. It has been difficult to get responses from individuals, most specifically from more remote locations. Also, there is limited internet infrastructure around Fairbanks, and rural areas of Alaska.</p> <p>New Federal Rules: The large amount of change needed to be in compliance with the new rules has taken away from casework.</p> <p>Online Training: Due to the statewide Title IX training vendor's product design there are a large amount of individuals experiencing technical challenges with the employee Title IX training. That created delays in completion and additional effort by HR and E&C staff to address these challenges. For this reason, the deadline for employees to complete training was extended to October 31, 2020. Alternate forms of training have been offered at UAF to mitigate technical issues and the typical internet accessibility challenges.</p>
<p>Successes</p>	<p>UAF Equity and Compliance process mapped the new Title IX internal office process. This helped significantly with identifying and addressing needs and gaps. The next step is to incorporate other UAF departmental actions (e.g.; CSRR, HR, ResLife) for handling or adjudicating reports.</p> <p>Several new collaborations have started, of which the following are mentioned above; strategic planning for systemic change, addressing volunteer training, grant proposals, and becoming a member of the Fairbanks Prevention Coalition.</p>