

To the Wesleyan Community:

On November 29, the U.S. Department of Education announced proposed changes to the rules on colleges' handling of campus-based sexual misconduct, which can be found on the [Federal Register](#) . There is a public comment period, now open, before these rules take effect; this process may lead to changes in the proposals before they become law. We want to make you all aware that until January 28, you may submit personal feedback and comments through the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#).

We are concerned about several of the provisions being contemplated and will submit public comment on behalf of Wesleyan University and shared with the community upon submission.

Last year, President Roth [addressed](#) the possible changes to legislation and we want to reaffirm that commitment. We care about this community and will continue our work to ensure that all members have the opportunity to work and learn in an environment free of sexual harassment and assault.

While the final regulatory changes will not be made until after public comment, we will continue to examine proposed regulatory changes and respond accordingly as the law is enacted. Our goal is to continue to implement trauma-informed policy, practices, and procedures that are responsive and fair for all parties. We will continue to include ongoing input from the Wesleyan community in our work and will provide such opportunities early in the spring semester.

Please feel free to contact either of us, or any member of the Title IX Core Team listed below, with questions or concerns. We are involved in Title IX work because we believe in the importance of this work and in the community in which we do it.

Sincerely,

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