



Brandeis University

July 19, 2016

Planned Agenda:

- To review, discuss and finalize proposed changes to the student code of conduct *Rights & Responsibilities* as they relate to policies regarding sexual misconduct.

Three major areas for proposed changes were discussed. 1) The addition of Section 23: The Informal Title IX Process. The informal Title IX investigation was not a new process, but the idea of dedicating a section to the informal process was new; 2.) the addition of the concept of Restorative Justice (RJ) was considered to give students involved in the process additional options for sanctioning or informal adjudication; and 3) several smaller changes were discussed in an effort, your lack of a better term, to strengthen due process.

Regarding the discussion of RJ, there was support for adding RJ as an option, but much of the discussion focused on whether RJ should be an option for all alleged policies violations or for a subset. While there was already a lot of qualifying language included in the proposed RJ text and the scope for use had been narrowly defined, after much discussion it was decided to narrow the scope further and in the final policy language RJ would only be an option in cases not involving non-consensual physical contact.

Language regarding No Contact Orders (NCO) was also discussed and it was agreed to add additional language to R&R that more clearly defined an NCO and the procedure to report alleged NCO violations.

The most recent edition of *Rights and Responsibilities* along with a summary of all changes made for the 2016-2017 edition can be found at:

<http://www.brandeis.edu/studentlife/srcs/index.html>