

## Student Input – Sheridan’s Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Policy

During the initial review of the draft Sexual Assault Policy and Protocol Template provided by Colleges Ontario, Sheridan administration consulted several student groups (e.g.: students in Residence, Residence Advisors, Student Union leaders, student leaders/peer mentors, and students on the SA/SV taskforce) for feedback. Using the guide for consultation discussions provided by Colleges Ontario, student participation and feedback was sought to help shape any revisions to the existing draft policy and protocol. This initial review occurred between February 2015 and March 2015.

From September to October 2016, in development of Sheridan’s stand-alone initiatives (e.g: Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Policy, Sexual Violence Response Protocol, Sexual Violence prevention and awareness), the same student groups were invited to provide feedback and recommendations on the Sheridan-specific documents. The student groups were given advanced copies of the Policy and Protocol and were invited to attend focus groups to share their thoughts. Other outreach for feedback included hallway peer engagement activities, postcards and a door-to-door campaign in Residence, as well as giving the students a means to provide input via email.

Sheridan is committed to maintaining meaningful input from students on future revisions of the Policy, Protocol, and SA/SV prevention & awareness initiatives. To this end, Sheridan will ensure there is ongoing student representation on the Taskforce for the Prevention of Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence.

### Breakdown of students invited to provide feedback

#### Original Policy Development (2015):

- Students living within Residence – 900
- Student Union Leaders - 30
- Student Leaders/Peer Mentors - 100
- Residence Advisors – 20
- Students on the SA/SV Taskforce – 5

**Number of students who provided feedback: 110**

#### Policy Revision (2016):

- Student Union Leaders - 25
- Student Leaders/Peer Mentors - 30
- Residence Advisors – 20
- Students on the SA/SV Taskforce – 5

**Number of students who provided feedback: 48**

If you have questions about the development of Sheridan’s Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Policy and Sexual Violence Response Protocol, please contact [srro@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:srro@sheridancollege.ca) or [equity@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:equity@sheridancollege.ca).