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**Memo to:** Stephen J. Beditz, Secretary, University at Albany Council

**From:** Janet M. Thayer, Associate General Counsel *JMT*

**Re:** Amendments to the Community Rights and Responsibilities relative to  
Sexual Violence Prevention and Response

- a. SUNY BOT Resolution of October 2, 2014
- b. Chancellor Approved SUNY Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Plan
- c. Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013
- d. US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights

**Date:** February 18, 2015

Regarding the above, attached are copies of the Draft Resolution, together with the following supporting documents:

1. SUNY Board of Trustees Resolution dated October 2, 2014;
2. SUNY Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Plan dated December 1, 2014; and
3. Pertinent Sections of the Community Rights and Responsibilities, with proposed amendments highlighted.

As I indicated to you in previous conversations about this draft Resolution for the Council's consideration, the amendments to the Community Rights and Responsibilities are required by either (1) the SUNY Board of Trustees Resolution; (2) through the Chancellor approved SUNY Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Plan, which was required by the SUNY Board of Trustee Resolution; (3) the federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 1993, under its Campus Sexual Violence Act ("Campus SaVE Act" provision, Section 304) and its regulations; and/or (4) the US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights' ("OCR") interpretation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 as per its "Dear Colleague Letters" issued on April 11, 2011 and April 24, 2013.

If you have any questions or concerns about this draft Resolution, or any of the background documents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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