

# ***Public Safety Advisory Committee***

## **Mission Statement:**

The Public Safety Advisory Committee is committed to the coproduction of public safety through the maximum feasible participation of Cornell community members in the review and revision of policies and procedures related to campus security.

## **General Charge:**

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) shall review current campus security policies and procedures and make recommendations for their improvement. It shall specifically review current policies and procedures for:

- a. educating the campus community, including security personnel and those persons who advise or supervise students, about sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking offenses pursuant to [section sixty-four hundred thirty-two](#) of this article, and bias-related and hate crimes pursuant to [section sixty-four hundred thirty-six](#) of this article.
- b. educating the campus community about personal safety and crime prevention.
- c. reporting sexual assaults, domestic violence, stalking incidents and hate crimes and assisting victims during investigations.
- d. referring complaints to appropriate authorities.
- e. counseling victims; and
- f. responding to inquiries from concerned people.

The committee shall report, in writing, to the college president or chief administrative officer on its findings and recommendations at least once each academic year, and such report shall be available upon request.

**Implementation Guidance:** The committee may carry out this charge through public forums, invited presentations, interdepartmental training and events, program evaluations, surveys and focus groups, retreats, gap analyses, delegated working groups and subcommittees, or any other instrument approved by the university's chief administrative officer or their designee. In all cases the committee should strive to include and consult as many university stakeholders as possible and to release its findings as widely as possible.

## **Authorization:**

This committee is appointed by the President in compliance with Article 129-A; Section 6431 of the New York State Education Law.

Such committee shall consist of a minimum of six members, at least half of whom shall be female; one-third of the committee shall be appointed from a list of students that contains at least twice the number to be appointed which is provided by the largest student governance organization on such campus, one-third thereof shall be appointed from a list of faculty members that contains twice the number to be appointed which is provided by the largest faculty organization on such campus, and one third of whom shall be selected by the president or chief administrative officer.

Nothing in this section (6431) shall be construed to alter, amend, modify, or affect existing standards for civil liability.