

## **Report of Faculty Council Student Life Committee**

The committee focused its attention on two issues this academic year:

- Implementation of bystander training to student leadership:
  - Several hundred student leaders and athletes received bystander training which is intended to sensitize them to act as responsible bystanders in university activities, especially social situations. The training was developed at Dartmouth and University of New Hampshire and is currently used at MIT as well as BU. This has appeared to reduce the incidence of excessive drinking and sexual assault, but we need to expand our coverage of fraternities to avoid the excesses of hazing. (Attached is a copy of an article describing bystander training.)
  
- Review and approval of “gender-neutral” housing
  - At the request of President Brown, the committee reviewed the proposed changes in student housing regulations which would permit upperclassmen to select roommates of either sex. The committee found that our peer institutions were already doing this without major disruption to the room assignment system and satisfied itself that the procedures proposed by BU Housing would avoid room assignment problems. (Attached is a copy of the committee’s findings as to what our peer institutions are doing about “gender-neutral” housing.)

Respectfully submitted,

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