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Dear Members of the BU Community,

Boston University is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and nondiscriminatory environment for all members of our community. This spring, we will undertake a student climate survey on sexual misconduct. The objective of the survey is to

- 1.) provide as accurate a picture as possible of the campus environment our students experience and concerns related to sexual misconduct, including sexual violence and sexual harassment;
- 2.) help guide the University's decision-making on next steps to address these challenges; and
- 3.) comply with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts mandate to conduct a student campus sexual misconduct climate survey at least once every four years.

The sexual misconduct survey is part of BU's ongoing commitment to the safety of our community members. The information collected through this effort will provide important insight into the challenges we face and the community's overall awareness, as well as the use of campus resources related to sexual misconduct. Understanding the lived experiences of our students is critical to our efforts to create a more inclusive and respectful campus environment.

We have partnered with a nationally respected educational consulting firm, Rankin Climate, to conduct a sample survey of our students and help ensure a confidential process. Rankin has conducted more than 250 culture/climate assessment projects in higher education over the last 22 years. At the conclusion of the survey period, Rankin Climate will conduct data analysis and assist the University in designing and implementing action items that result.

More information about the survey process, the survey instrument, and other aspects of the work is available on the [Committee on Sexual Assault & Harassment Prevention \(CSAHP\) website](#). Please feel free to reach out to the CSAHP ([csahp@bu.edu](mailto:csahp@bu.edu)) with any questions.

The survey will open on Monday, February 26, and students will receive additional email communication in the weeks to come. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth W. Freeman".

Kenneth W. Freeman  
President Ad Interim