Dean of Students

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The Office of the Dean of Students helps students derive full benefit from their university experience by providing education and support programs and services, working to ensure that all students are supported and accepted, minimizing the obstacles to student success, and celebrating the accomplishments of individuals and the campus community.

Bias Response Team

Maure Smith-Benanti and Kari Herinckx, Coordinators

The purpose of the Bias Response Team is to ensure a just campus. It obtains information and responds to incidents of bias on campus and in the community. Filing a report of bias with the response team adds information that helps improve the climate on campus and in the community. The report form is available on the student life website.

Conflict Resolution Services

Caitlan Hendrickson, Director

Services include mediation, facilitation, interpersonal communication coaching, and other related services. The program's workshops present basic conflict resolution skills. Conflict Resolution Services coordinates the Neutral Observer Program, which provides trained observers at campus events. The presence of observers provides for unbiased witnesses in the event that conflict escalates. Services are confidential and free for students.

Diversity Education and Support

Kari Herinckx, Director

Diversity Education and Support provides support programs that enhance the educational, cultural, and social development of students with a special emphasis on the unique needs of students of color and historically underrepresented and marginalized student groups. It acknowledges, celebrates, and promotes the diverse cultural experiences of each member of the university community, strives to build collaborative relationships, and advocates for social justice.

Family Programs

Ericka Swanson, Director

The Office of the Dean of Students offers programs that promote and foster continued participation between students, parents, families, and members of the university staff, resulting in a vibrant campus community. The UO Parent and Family Association serves as a forum for parents and families in this process. Timely information about the university experience is provided to members through a monthly e-newsletter titled *Connections*. In addition, Family Programs sponsors an official family weekend each term of the academic year and facilitates programs for parents of first-year and transfer students during IntroDUCKtion and Week of Welcome. Another role of the Office of the Dean of Students involves coordinating the spring and summer commencement ceremonies.

Nontraditional and Veterans Education and Support

Cassie Bruske, Interim Director

Nontraditional students—older students, students who are reentering the university after a break, student parents, and veterans—are offered support and assistance specific to their needs.

Honors and Awards

See the **Honors at Oregon** section of this catalog for information about honorary societies, outstanding-student awards, scholarships and prizes, and the Dean's List.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Education and Support Services

Chicora Martin, Director

Understanding and acceptance are essential to creating a welcoming environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and ally students and members of the faculty and staff. This program develops and provides educational services related to homophobia and heterosexism; assists student organizations and academic units in bringing speakers to campus for educational programs; serves as a referral source for and provides consultation to members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community; offers support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their heterosexual allies; and acts as a liaison between the university administration and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

Sexual Violence Response and Support Services

Renae DeSautel, Coordinator

This program provides a comprehensive twenty-four-hour response to students who have experienced sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, and stalking. For more information or to receive help, telephone 541-346-SAFE or visit svpe.uoregon.edu .

Sexual Violence Prevention and Education

Abigail Leeder, Director

The Sexual Violence Prevention and Education program utilizes a variety of initiatives to educate and build awareness around complex issues of sexual and dating violence at the University of Oregon. Specific programs include the Alliance for Sexual Assault Prevention and the Sexual Wellness Advocacy Team.

Student Conduct and Community Standards

Sandy Weintraub, Director

The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards protects the rights, health, safety, and well-being of every member of the university

community while protecting the educational objectives of the university. The program handles complaints related to academics made against students by other students and by faculty or staff members.

A faculty-student committee has primary responsibility for formulating and evaluating student conduct policies and procedures.

Substance Abuse Prevention and Student Success

Jennifer Summers, Director

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Student Success program addresses the problem of high-risk drinking and substance abuse on the UO campus and its interference with students' academic and personal success. With evidence-based, comprehensive, and coordinated efforts, staff members of the program collaborate with campus and community partners to provide alternative programming and services to students.