

DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dear Bowdoin College Community,

The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs had a very full 2015-2016 year marked by staff transitions, compassionate support to individual students and our community at large, and new opportunities for professional development.

We welcomed a number of new faces this year. Assistant Dean of First-Year Students Khoa Khuong and Assistant Dean of Upper-class Students Brandon Royce-Diop both arrived in the summer of 2015, eager to jump in and support students in a multitude of ways. Melissa Quinby also joined our team for several months in the winter to support and provide coverage during Kim Pacelli's maternity leave, which further created new leadership opportunities and responsibilities for Lesley Levy and Janet Lohmann. In summary, many members of our office were taking on new responsibilities and challenges at different moments throughout the year.

In the early weeks of the fall semester, Janet Lohmann led the transition of Accommodations work away from our office to the leadership of Lisa Peterson, Associate Director of Gender Violence Prevention and Education/Director of Accommodations for Students with Disabilities, when Lisa arrived in mid-September.

Our team continued its excellent one-on-one work with students who required support in some way at some point over the course of the year. Our tally of in-person student meetings was approximately 2,000 for the year, and does not account for ongoing communication and coordination with students, families, and partner offices that occurs over e-mail and by phone. This year seemed particularly noteworthy in that there were a number of significant events that called upon our team to attend to the needs of the community alongside the individual follow-up required with individual students. These events were significant in the amount of discussion they generated regarding inclusivity, and students' sense of safety in our community, among others.

Although the total number of judicial board cases was on par with other years, this year was unusual in that they were disproportionately clustered in the final weeks of the spring semester.

We continued to experiment with professional development and training opportunities to "thicken the ties" with our partner offices in Residential Life, Title IX and Compliance, Health Services, and Counseling by introducing a year-long series of "Health and Wellness Team Meetings" to collaborate on shared projects and share training opportunities that benefit all of our work.

As we look forward to the 2016-2017 year, we continue to welcome new faces to our team and all look forward to continuing to provide thoughtful and helpful advice to our students as they navigate through challenges that arise during their time at Bowdoin.

With best wishes,

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Office of the Dean of Student Affairs