

Dear Bowdoin College Community,

The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs had another full year in 2016-2017 marked by new faces in our office, new roles for certain staff members, compassionate support to individual students and our community at large, alongside deep thinking about our service to Bowdoin.

We welcomed a number of new faces this year. Interim Dean of First-Year Students Melissa Quinby and Interim Assistant Dean for Upperclass Students Michael Pulju both arrived early in the summer ready to dive into their new roles, moving from the Women's Resource Center and Residential Life respectively. Abbey Greene-Goldman joined us in mid-September as Interim Dean of Upperclass Students, which allowed Dean Lesley Levy to shift her focus almost exclusively on advising the Judicial Board. Associate Dean of Student Affairs Allen DeLong also "joined" our team for additional hours each week providing support, advice, and counsel primarily for upperclass students. Lastly, Carol Harris joined our team in April as Administrative Coordinator.

Our tally of in-person student meetings was 2,380 for the year, representing nearly a 20 percent increase from the prior year. This does not account for ongoing communication and coordination with students, families, and partner offices that occurs over e-mail and by phone. We continued to invest substantial time and energy in coordinating collaboratively with our partner offices in Residential Life, Title IX and Compliance, Health Services, and Counseling Services to provide exceptional support to students. Lastly, many members of the team contributed considerable energy and enthusiasm to efforts to connect with students outside of traditional deaning, such as through service as advisors to College Houses and student organizations.

This year the team also focused attention on thinking creatively and strategically about the work in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs to ensure that roles and responsibilities are best aligned to serve the needs of students and team members alike. Our assessment included evaluating the appropriate levels of resources to best support the needs of students with documented disabilities, as well as the appropriate staffing model to support the work of the Judicial Board. We planned for new staff transitions in the Summer of 2017 to increase support in both of these areas. Lastly, my departure at the end of this academic year created an opportunity to review the intersection where the leadership of this office fits with oversight and leadership across our division. A national search resulted in Janet Lohmann being named to a retitled Dean of Students role, which will comprise day-to-day leadership of this office alongside oversight of the Health Center, Counseling Services, and Title IX and Compliance.

Our office continued to invest considerably in the work of the Judicial Board this year. We experienced a large number of cases again. Our selection process in February yielded talented new members for the Board. In May, Deans Levy and Pulju led a refreshed and renewed training program, and we feel confident this group of student leaders are well prepared for their important roles.

With best wishes,

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Office of the Dean of Student Affairs