

CAMBRIDGE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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TO: City Manager Robert Healy
Mayor Alice Wolf

FROM: Nancy Ryan *Nancy Ryan*

RE: Draft agreement between Harvard/Radcliffe and City of
Cambridge regarding Sexual Assault; Progress on Date Rape

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Attached please find the first draft of an agreement between Harvard University / Radcliffe College and the City of Cambridge which covers relationships between Police Departments, medical facilities and administrations. This draft represents the results of a meeting among university and city officials which took place on September 19, 1990 and reflects levels of agreement achieved at that meeting.

Assistant Dean of Co-Education Janet Viggiani and I are taking responsibility for circulating this draft to our respective institutions. I welcome any and all additions, corrections or changes. I am extremely pleased with the high levels of agreement and intention to cooperate which have been expressed at these meetings. Our next meeting is set for February 6, 1991 -- I hope we will be able to consummate a final agreement by that time.

Please advise me about circulating this draft to appropriate administrators within the police and hospital departments who have participated in our meetings.

Regarding the City Council resolution of November 5, 1990 on the university's handling of "date rape": I have been asked to sit on an Advisory Committee to the university's Task Force on Date Rape. Marilyn O'Connell has also been invited to sit on the advisory committee; she and I have shared our mutual hope that a new policy and procedure will resolve many of the city's outstanding concerns about the role of administrative boards in adjudicating potential criminal cases. I will prepare a report for the City Council when there is progress.

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**Memorandum of Understanding Regarding
Communication Between Harvard and Cambridge
On Issues of Sexual Assault**

Over the summer and early fall of 1990, thirteen representatives from police, legal, counseling and administrative offices at Harvard University and in the City of Cambridge met to discuss concerns having to do with sexual assault, particularly as regards communication between Cambridge and Harvard when such incidents occur and involve Harvard students.

We recognized the mutual interest Cambridge and Harvard have in responding to victims of sexual assault and to the communities in which they live and work.

Based on this mutual interest we agreed to the following goals:

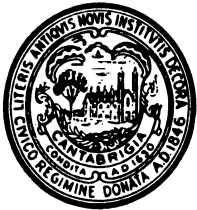
1. That a joint meeting of designated administrators, counselors and law enforcement officials of Cambridge and Harvard will be held twice yearly, in the fall and spring. This meeting will be co-chaired by the Assistant Dean for Coeducation at Harvard College and the ~~Chair~~^{Director} of the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women.
2. That Cambridge and Harvard police will, on a regular basis, exchange reports on sexual assault incidents, maintaining confidentiality as required by law.
3. That the counseling and medical professionals of Harvard and Cambridge will seek out means to cooperate in providing referrals and engaging in training opportunities.
4. That relevant Harvard publications will inform the community of external as well as internal resources and options for complaint resolution.
5. That the Office for Coeducation and the Commission on the Status of Women will provide outreach and training programs that link neighborhood and campus.

We will review and amend this understanding as necessary, based on our biannual meetings and discussions.

Through the above-stated goals we hope to contribute to a sensitive and thorough response to student victims of sexual assault. By sharing resources, services and information we also hope to contribute to strong and positive ties between the Cambridge and Harvard communities.

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January 7, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 71, regarding policies and programs to prevent rape and sexual assault at Radcliffe College/Harvard University, please find attached a report from Nancy Ryan, Director, Women's Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Awaiting Report Item Number 71 regarding
policies and programs to prevent rape
and sexual assault at Radcliffe College/
Harvard University.

In City Council,

January 7, 1991

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