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Sexual Assault Response Training

During a Title IX presentation, Associate Vice Provost Lynell Cadray, who leads Emory's Office of Equity and Inclusion, recommended a plan to provide sexual assault training to all Emory faculty and staff, to be implemented over the next three years. The plan would offer guidance, for example, on when and why faculty and staff are required to report sexual misconduct, what steps to take if a student confides that they were a target of sexual assault, and when and how to refer a student for counseling or support services. Faculty council members voted to approve a motion to support mandatory university-wide sexual assault training for all Emory faculty and staff. Training will be provided to all new faculty and staff hires starting January 2015. Current faculty will be provided an online training module, with classroom trainings to be made available to current staff.

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Emory's Global Strategies

Phillip Wainwright, Vice Provost for International Affairs and Director of the Halle Institute for Global Learning at Emory, spoke about Emory's Global Strategies. Central goals include:

- Initiatives that position Emory as a university noted for its global impact, and
- Integrating Emory's international community into the life of the university.

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Ebola Advisory Task Force

Dr. David Stephens, Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Chief of Medicine for Emory Healthcare, spoke about the work of Emory's Ebola Advisory Task Force, which he co-chairs with S. Wright Caughman, CEO of the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center and chairman of Emory Healthcare. The task force was created to advise the University President on issues and policies rapidly unfolding around the ebola viral disease epidemic, including biosafety, infection control, preparedness and response; research, education, communication and ethics; and institutional policies on travel. Dr. Stephens said plans are being explored to host a forum about Ebola research opportunities. In the spring semester, an academic discussion group will be held for the Emory community to examine the ebola virus through a multidisciplinary lens, including its impact upon business, law, religion and ethics, said Dr. Debra Bruner, Robert W. Woodruff Chair in Nursing, who is on the Emory Ebola Advisory Task Force.

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