Dear Senate Task Force Co-chairs Carol Stabile and Randy Sullivan,

Professor Freyd invited me to hear her present the initial findings of her campus climate survey to the Senate Task Force to Address Sexual Violence and Support Survivors at your meeting today. I regret that both acting Provost Bronet and I are unable to attend, but we did have the opportunity to meet with Professor Freyd on Monday.

The University of Oregon appreciates the efforts of Professor Freyd, Carly Smith, and Marina Rosenthal to assess the attitudes, behaviors, and experiences of our students. Sexual violence on college campuses is a national concern, and properly addressing this matter is one of our highest priorities. We anticipate that Professor Freyd’s work will add to our understanding of the issue, and the UO will consider the findings from her survey in conjunction with climate assessment work that the UO plans to undertake as part of a national effort. We look forward to working with Professor Freyd and other universities across the country on an assessment tool that is being developed, and we hope to share the results of Dr. Freyd's research with the other universities.

We are also gathering information about our practices through the work of the president’s review panel and the work of the task force you both chair. It is gratifying that we have engaged faculty, staff, and students who are helping us to determine the best way forward to deal with this pressing social problem. We appreciate that Professor Freyd’s lab is conducting this research and that they are planning to share results broadly.

Working together we can make progress identifying the most important aspects of the problem and collectively developing solutions to them.

Sincerely,

Scott Coltrane Interim President