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## *Title IX October 2017 Highlights*

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- September 19<sup>th</sup> UA met the 4<sup>th</sup> Voluntary Resolution Agreement (VRA) deadline. Per the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), UA propagated the new nondiscrimination notice throughout UA's online and print presence.
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> the Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos rescinded the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter and the 2014 Q & A guidance; issued interim guidance; and expressed intent to initiate negotiated rulemaking. UA's VRA with OCR and commitment remain intact. Negotiated rulemaking has not commenced and is anticipated to take 9-18 months.
- Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> the Title IX student climate survey will launch.
- By Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Title IX training must be completed by students (degree seeking; living on campus; on international/national exchange). Campus and system staff are collaborating on the automated hold development/testing and using the same student cohort query to ensure consistency.
- UA requested that OCR place a priority on returning responses on the 23 cases requiring redress to the university; this will allow the university to move forward in those cases requiring further action. Office for Civil Rights shared its intent to provide responses to the University of Alaska on all items submitted by the end of October 2017.