



Margot Mayer [REDACTED]

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Dear President Hill,

You do not know me and I do not know you. It seems from these past few months on this campus that there is a disconnect between the administration's understanding of and the student's experience at Vassar. I would like to change that.

A friend of mine recently attended your office hours and had an in depth conversation with you about Vassar's campus climate regarding rape. She told me about how it was difficult for you to speak to the process of trying these cases. I would like to invite you to attend my panel hearing in regards to my own case. I think it would be a powerful opportunity for you to see both the merits and the flaws of our current system. I also think that in order for you to enact changes to protect the student's on our campus, you must first understand the root of the danger.

My case is not a "cut and dry rape", so to speak, it contains the nuances and complications of what many people experience but are often too ashamed or afraid to come forward about. This case is a step in a larger process. It is imperative that the narrative of rape be expanded so as to include the fully body of survivors' experiences. I would greatly appreciate your presence. My hearing does not have a set date as of yet. I would love to coordinate with you so that you may be present.

Best,

Margot Mayer '16



President's Office <presidentsoffice@vassar.edu>

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to me ▾

Dear Margot,

I'm so sorry that you are going through this. I hope our SART advisors have been helpful. They can provide you with support and resources. I can certainly meet with you at any point, to talk with you about our policies and procedures given your experiences. I can't talk with you about any one case, even your own, except to hear your concerns, because of our obligations to maintain confidentiality around these proceedings. I would like to include someone from SART, since they are deeply involved in continually assessing our policies and it would be very helpful if both they and I could hear your concerns. There really isn't any way for me to be a part of the proceedings in a way that is consistent with our policies.

Let me know if you would like to get together. Again, I'm so sorry that you are having to go through this at Vassar.

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