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Students grow frustrated as laundry disparities are on the rise



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Students at Quinnipiac University are facing issues with laundry across both residential campuses — Mount Carmel and York Hill — regarding machine access, the functionality of laundry facilities and more.

It's not unbeknownst that doing your laundry in college can be a difficult task. However, recent complaints from students suggest that issues need addressing. Washers and dryers across Quinnipiac's two residential campuses are leaving students with sopping wet clothes, tears in fabric and staining.

With it being roughly a month and a half since the start of the 2026 school year, some students are at the point of taking their clothes to a laundromat. Who's to say what conditions will look like in the months to come.

Quinnipiac students have reported that it takes them anywhere from the average hour and a half it takes to complete a wash a dry cycle, to four hours or more. Managing the difficult balance between school and life, the average student doesn't have multiple hours to spend on laundry disputes.

Chief Experience Officer Tom Ellett says that while in past years the issue of laundry has been brought up by students, it has yet to pose an issue this school year.

"I have a first year advisory board that meets every week, every Sunday night…

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Office of Title IX seeks improvements for campus presence and education under new leadership

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Quinnipiac University's Office of Title IX saw leadership changes over the past few weeks, with an interim Title IX coordinator stepping in and a new position being added to the team. After the office faced scrutiny from students last spring, the team looks to improve education about the office and make it a more welcoming space for students.

The university's General Counsel Aaron Trump announced Sept. 16 that former Title IX Coordinator Patricio Jimenez left Quinnipiac and Human Resources Business Partner and Deputy Title IX Coordinator Joanna Wayton would serve as the Interim Title IX Coordinator.

Trump noted in that announcement that Wayton stepping into the role "will ensure continuity in support of our students and staff as we prepare to conduct a search of our next Title IX Coordinator."

Wayton had no further information on this search, and there are still no active listings for the position on Quinnipiac's job openings page at the time of publication.

Wayton has served as deputy Title IX coordinator to faculty and staff since 2020.

"I have been involved in the Title IX world with faculty and staff cases," Wayton said. "So from that end, you know, that part was an easier transition because I already was associated with it. I think, you know, doing the student side. That's a big change for me, but you know I'm excited about it."

Wayton attended the University of Connecticut for law school, where she interned at the Office of Institutional Equity and was the graduate intern on the President's Task Force on campus culture and civility — both of which prompted her interest in working in higher education in this field.

"I want students to understand that this is an area I'm passionate about," Wayton said. "I think another thing that is helpful with me is I don't feel like I speak very like in legalese; I think I'm approachable … I think that will help because again I just think people, especially students, just respond to someone that's more approachable."

For Wayton, it's been a busy few weeks transitioning to the role, especially coming from a larger department in HR.

"I think one of the biggest things is this is a smaller office," Wayton said. "HR is bigger, and we just have more support."

One of Wayton's first focuses early on has involved assessing the current processes within the office and looking at how to improve them. For students, Wayton wants to make the processes clear and understandable.

"I think that goes a long way towards helping them realize that there's a specific process that's being followed, and we're doing this to try to remain equitable," Wayton said.

The Title IX office also added a new position, the Title IX and Bias Response Case Specialist, being served by Shi Malcolm. The search process for the role began during late summer, and Malcolm officially started Monday, Oct. 5.

Along with Malcom, Wayton also works alongside Sexual Misconduct & Bias Incident Investigator Shannon Boddie. And with the

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Human Resources Business Partner and Deputy Title IX Coordinator Joanna Wayton now serves as Interim Title IX Coordinantor following former Title IX Coordinator Patricio Jimenez's departure.

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