

## Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2014

Attendees: Corey Gifford, Angi Parker, Katie Bass, Amanda Harvey, Eric Davidson, Dean Harwood, Kimberlie Moock, Eric Savickas, Heather Dragoo, Melany Zwilling, and Jenny Sipes.

### I. Updates

- a. Updates from workgroups since the meeting with Dr. Berkowitz
  - i. Social Norming sub-group: Has been meeting regularly and focusing on making the base questions for the survey. Talking about using a format that will fit with the way that the surveys will be administered.
  - ii. Began discussing the recent White House Press Release which had significant Title IX implications in our area. There is information that further climate and environment surveys will need to be conducted in the future at the University, due to these new changes. Need continued discussions regarding whether the social norms survey created by the subgroup should be addressing this component.
- b. Update from Eric Savickas re: plans for a "run-through"
  - i. Eric plans to collaborate with Jackie to train his students in bystander intervention.

### II. Reactions to Dr. Berkowitz meetings and presentation

- a. Key points
  - i. General Feedback from Dr. Berkowitz presentations and consultation
    1. Would like to have more hands-on, application-based exercises and role-plays so that staff feel better equipped with bystander intervention strategies. Further application-based training from Dr. Berkowitz could be helpful in the future. The consultation meetings he provided to various groups were quite helpful.
  - ii. Prevention programming should be mutually reinforcing, synergistic programs
    1. Discussed the need to settle on one bystander intervention training approach to use as we move forward. Discussed using Step-Up and there was no negative feedback about this program. Would like settle on a program that can be utilized across campus in all areas if needed.
    2. New Student Programs expressed a need for their staff to be trained this summer. Counseling Center and HERC agreed to work with this department and complete this needed training.
  - iii. Find ways to engage the faculty
    1. Need further discussion about ways to engage the faculty.

- iv. Develop our own bystander programming with social norms infused
  - 1. We discussed Dr. Berkowitz's recommendation to develop our own program. While this would be ideal, task force members expressed an interest in adapting an established program, such as Step-Up, for our use. It is important to decide on a program to use in the near future so that programming efforts can continue to move forward.
- v. Outline mission and responsibilities of task force
  - 1. The mission and responsibilities of the task force are not clear to many of the members. We agreed to the importance of working on defining this better in future meetings. It was explained that the SATF was developed out of IGP's like 156/176 along with Dr. Nadler's last report posted on his university web page. There was discussion about the need to establish how the task force makes decisions. It is important to understand who the decision makers are at the University and how we can connect with them as needed. Discussed the importance of always having a member of the involved department at the meetings. There was agreement that if one person could not attend a meeting that they should send another representative from their department if possible (to be discussed further).
- vi. Workgroups meet more often than task force
  - 1. Workgroups will continue to meet regularly and more frequently than the task force.
  - 2. Continue to discuss the option of starting a new compliance/reporting sub-group in our next meeting.
- vii. Enlist support of VPSA and work across Student Affairs
  - 1. Jenny reminded the group that there may be many changes happening this summer with Student Affairs given the Program Analysis across the university, and these future decisions may impact programming.
  - 2. Discussed Dr. Berkowitz's recommendation that SATF write a memo/letter to Dr. Nadler with their recommendations on how to proceed with bystander efforts. Jenny expressed that it may be more helpful to have conversations Dr. Nadler rather than write a memo.
- viii. Remove barriers to survey research
  - 1. Further exploration on this needed. The sub-group wonders if there is a way that we can access students widely, due to the importance of these efforts to the University.
- ix. Don't try everything at once; help the university set realistic expectations
  - 1. Needs further discussion.

- x. Bottom-line: victim satisfaction with the process
  - 1. Do anything to streamline the process for survivors.
  - 2. Needs further discussion.

III. Summer schedule TBD

- a. Many task force members are around this summer to continue meeting. A doodle will be sent out to facilitate scheduling of summer meetings.
  - b. Workgroups will continue to meeting on a regular basis.
- IV. Thanks for all of your hard work this year!!

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