

# Sexual Assault Task Force

## Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2014

- I. Introductions
- II. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!
  - a. HOPE Clothesline Project through 10/10/14 at the Union Bridge
  - b. Angie Hunt from HOPE is available to speak to classes/groups on domestic violence.
  - c. HOPE has purple ribbons available for anyone interested. **Let them know if you are interested in getting ribbons. They are available for classes and student groups.**
  - d. HOPE Candle Light Vigil 10/23/14 at Morton Park – see flyer.
- III. It's On Us (<http://itsonus.org>) is a campaign against sexual assault on college campuses launched by President Obama, VP Biden, and others. Seeks to reframe the conversation about sexual assault so that everyone recognizes their responsibility to do something to prevent sexual assault. **The task force members discussed the possibility of being apart of the It's On Us campaign. Reggie, Student Body President, would like to follow through with this effort and has signed EIU up as a pledge to be involved. A subcommittee was created to start working on the efforts. They plan to meet prior to the next meeting.**
- IV. The iAspire Grant (<http://www.studentsoftheworld.org/iaspire/>)
  - a. A national grant for college students who are working to raise awareness and effect change on the issue of sexual violence on their campus. Students can apply for up to \$5,000 in funding to support their vision for programs, resources, and education around issues of sexual violence (which encompasses topics like sexual assault, abuse, and harassment). The organization wants students to share their stories with them and tell them how they aspire to end sexual violence on their campus and in their community. The application period is open from September 8 – October 31, 2014. **Two students (Reggie and Melany) showed interest in applying for the grant described above.**
- V. Fraternal Health and Safety Initiative consortium
  - a. According to a recent article: “Eight college fraternities announced an effort to work together on new training aimed at combating sexual misconduct, hazing and binge drinking. The focus is on learning to recognize, diagnose and intervene in potentially harmful situations. An estimated 35,000 undergraduates are anticipated to participate in the first year of the Fraternal Health and Safety Initiative consortium, according to the announcement. The participating fraternities include Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Triangle – groups with a combined 75,000 undergraduate men at more than 550 college campuses. The consortium plans to use training that organizers say is based on research and created for retreat-like settings.” **Dean provided a brief update on what information**

interested in helping facilitate? The task force discussed possibilities. Possibility Health Service, SACIS, Counseling Center. Amanda is going to follow-up with Rob Miller on the specifics.

- iii. Bystander intervention (BI) session requests. Requests to the HERC are frequent, but open sessions have minimal attendance. Plan are underway for next semester efforts.
- iv. BI training added to Student Standards presentations given in UF classes
- v. PAVE student-led chapter at EIU
  - 1. Jackie waiting to get names/email addresses of interested students from Angela Rose/Campus Speak Currently waiting on the organization. All materials are on the PAVE website.
- vi. Sexual Assault Talk Show skit collaboration with Theater Dept
- e. Other updates/announcements?
  - i. Thomas A. Bonine Suicide Prevention Conference Wednesday October 29, 2014 from 8am-4pm in the Charleston-Mattoon Room. Register online on the Counseling Center homepage. FREE and includes complimentary breakfast and lunch. Please encourage your students, faculty, and staff to register.

VIII. \*NOTE: Change in date for the next meeting. The next meeting will be 11/21/14 at 11am in the Greenup Room, 3rd floor, MLK Jr. Union.

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