

Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2014

Attendees: Jackie Hines, Corey Gifford, Angi Parker, Katie Bass, Amanda Harvey, Eric Davidson, Heather Webb, Adam Due, Randall Bogard, and Jenny Sipes.

I. Introductions

- a. Heather Webb, from the Office of Student Standards, joined the task force. Randall Bogard, from Housing, also was in attendance since Jody Stone could not make the meeting.

II. Updates

- a. Social Norms workgroup
 - i. Eric shared that this group has been working on a survey, and they brought a draft to show to the task force. The survey focuses mostly on rape myths and bystander intervention. They came up with a plan to pilot the survey in a research methods class. After piloting the survey, they plan to administer it to Gateway students to get a better sense of the administration of the survey and if the items are easily understood.
- b. Programming workgroup
 - i. Opening Night Safety Program – plan to separate men and women; provide information on general safety issues before the first weekend, also talk about sexual assault/interpersonal violence and bystander intervention. Would like to use same-gender facilitators for these presentations
 1. Is anyone interested in being a facilitator of the Opening Night program? Task force members who are interested in facilitating can email Jackie to offer their assistance.
 - ii. Plan to submit bystander intervention presentation summary to Karla Sanders for the UF Advisory Committee to consider at their first meeting of the year, and potentially get the presentation in the line-up of class topics for UF courses in Fall 2015
 1. Adam Due suggested that this workgroup contact Wendy Long (with UF) with information on the presentation so that she can forward this to the UF instructor listserv and see which instructors may be interested in having this presentation during one of their classes that is reserved for guest speakers.
 2. Could also use this presentation to offer to other courses, specifically those whose course content is related to sexual assault/IPV and bystander intervention. Generating a list of departments to reach out to and to offer this presentation to.

- a. Suggestions were made to reach out to Psychology dept, Sociology dept, Women's Studies, Teacher Education classes (Doug Bower)
 - iii. Per the President's request, Jackie is working with Cynthia Nichols/OCR to bring in a sexual assault prevention speaker (i.e., Angela Rose from CampusSpeak) in early September. Plan to provide two evening trainings for students; one will be tailored for athletes and the other will be tailored for Greeks. There may also be an afternoon presentation open to all students/faculty/staff.
 - c. SACIS new location (1505 18th St) and Open House on June 19 - Donna will send out more details.
 - d. D2L Sexual Assault Training - Jackie is working with IT to have them put it in a new platform this summer so that it is easier to separate students from faculty/staff and to track completions. Should be finished by end of July. Will continue to use AcoholEdu and Haven as well. Eric Davidson is talking with folks who administer Haven to see how customizable it is (i.e., if we can put specific info in the training about EIU's reporting options and resources).
 - e. "Run-through" with Eric Savickas and Military Science Dept - Eric will be back on campus in July; plans to develop the "run-through" this summer and pilot with his dept this Fall. If this is successful, we could use this exercise with other academic depts on campus.
 - f. Sexual Assault Talk Show skit (HERC) - Amanda shared that they plan to have the skit in the Fall and possibly again in the Spring. She is interested in reaching out to the Theater dept to see if any students in that program would be interested in being actors in the skit. It was suggested that Amanda get in contact with Chris Mitchell in Theater dept.
- III. Continue discussions from the last meeting
 - a. Step-Up program - use this program as a basis for campus-wide bystander intervention training and tailor as needed to fit our campus
 - b. Discuss possibility of starting a Compliance/Reporting workgroup
 - c. Ways to engage faculty
 - i. Increase faculty representation on task force
 - 1. Jackie has reached out to Women's Studies and Women's Resource Center
 - 2. Other suggestions of faculty to reach out to? Lindsay Jenkins, Misty Rhoads, Stephen Lucas, Kathleen O'Rourke, Dianne Timm, Dena Kniess
 - ii. Train faculty on ways to respond to and support survivors
 - 1. Could do "run-through" exercises with various depts if the pilot with Military Science dept goes well.
 - 2. Other suggestions?

- iii. Engage faculty in process of surveying campus social norms
 - 1. How to go about this? Offer faculty a question or two on the survey that will be administered so they can advance their research as well.
- d. Mission and responsibilities of task force
 - i. According to the EIU Campus Violence Prevention Plan: “The Division of Student Affairs maintains a Sexual Assault Taskforce designed to educate the campus community and prevent sexual assaults.”
 - ii. IGP 156: Campus Safety Responsibilities. No specific mention of sexual violence or SATF.
 - iii. IGP 175: Sexual Harassment. No specific mention of SATF.
 - iv. IGP 185: Sexual Assault, Abuse and Misconduct. No specific mention of SATF.
 - v. Jenny Sipes asked about the year that the task force first started, and Eric Davidson recalled that it was between 1998-2000. Jackie offered to look in the task force binder in her office that contains the meeting minutes from all past meetings.
- e. Ways to remove barriers to survey research
 - i. Possibly send memo to VPSA and/or President’s Council?
 - ii. Katie Bass shared that with written permission from Dr. Jeff Cross, the task force can get clearance to do survey research in EIU classrooms. The first step is to finish the survey. The second step is to send Dr. Nadler a document outlining the research plan and requesting permission to administer surveys in the classroom, then Dr. Nadler can express his support and forward this document to Dr. Cross. If both sign in agreement with the task force doing this research, we will have the clearance to administer the surveys in the classroom.
- f. Helping the university set realistic expectations/not trying to do everything at once
 - i. Possibly invite the President and/or President’s Council to one of our meetings?
 - ii. A suggestion was made to let President’s Council and the local community know all of the positive efforts that EIU and the task force have made regarding sexual assault prevention. This may involve meetings with these groups and/or publicity. There was a suggestion to put together posts for Facebook and Twitter about what the task force is doing and then have EIU Facebook and Twitter pages cross-post these messages.
 - iii. It was also suggested that we could invite Liz Edwards, from Media Relations, to be part of the committee in order to get more publicity of events and the positive work that’s being done.
- g. Ways to continue streamlining the process for survivors to increase victim-satisfaction

- i. Have one staff member do the interview with questions covering the majority of information that Student Standards, Civil Rights, and UPD needs to ask so that there is minimal additional follow-up questioning by the different offices
 - ii. Heather Webb from Student Standards and Heather Dragoo from Civil Rights are scheduled to meet next week to discuss this. Jackie offered to attend any meetings with Heather and Heather if it would be helpful.
- IV. Goodbye to Corey - this is her last day on campus. Thanks for all of your work on the Task Force this year!
- V. Remaining summer task force meetings are 7/1/14 at 2pm in the Sullivan room, MLK Union and 8/12/14 at 1pm in the 1895 room, MLK Union.