

Chancellor's Task Force on Sexual and Relationship Violence
January 28, 2016
9:00 – 11:00 am

Attendees:

Lois Agnew	Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, co-chair
Randi Bregman	Lynn Levey
Katelyn Cowen	Andrew London
Rebecca Dayton	Bobby Maldonado
Herman Frazier	Joanna Masingila, co-chair
Andy Gordon	Gabe Nugent
Tiffany Gray	Pam Peter
Huey Hsiao	Adam Rothstein
Sheila Johnson-Willis	Tristan Ruzic

Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz and Joanna Masingila, co-chairs, welcomed the group.

Minutes from the December meeting will be emailed to the Task Force for approval. Minutes were subsequently approved.

New staff are being hired for the Office of Student Assistance and the Office of Health Promotion. Searches are going on now. Student Assistance will hire two people and Health Promotion, three. A new therapist has been added to the Sexual and Relationship Violence Response team in the Counseling Center. The Title IX office has hired a new Equal Opportunity & Title IX Investigator.

The Equal Opportunity, Inclusion and Resolution Services office continues to do sexual assault training and have completed training with student athletes, Greek communities, and the Drama Department. The focus for the spring semester is to train faculty; Sheila Johnson-Willis is working with deans to schedule that training.

We are exploring requiring "Think About It" training for graduate students, adult learners, and part-time students through the provider we currently use for similar training already required for undergraduate students. In fall 2016, students will be required to complete the on-line training by February to avoid affecting their ability to register for classes.

The Syracuse University Climate Assessment Survey will begin on February 9th and run through March 11th. It is a comprehensive survey of all students, faculty and staff. We hope to have a 30% response rate. All results will be made public in the fall.

Governor Cuomo's office recently announced a SUNY training program to help prevent sexual assault and stalking on college campuses as part of the "Enough is Enough" campaign. Syracuse University has been doing comparable bystander training, "Mentors in Violence Prevention" or "MVP", for about ten years. We will look to share in the funding that the State is offering for training.

Randi Bregman announced the Vera House White Ribbon Campaign, which is in effect throughout the month of March. As before, Syracuse University will be active in the campaign. Other spring events include Take Back the Night on March 30th, and It's On Us Week, April 2 through April 9.

Adding language regarding sexual assault/relationship violence to all syllabi is in the development stage with Academic Affairs and will be submitted to the Senate for approval to go into effect for the fall semester.

Pam Peter reported on the Policies and Procedures Committee, who are reviewing the University Conduct Board as it relates to conduct case resolution time; support for students, including the accused; survivor housing; and creating a handbook for faculty dealing with students involved in sexual assault.

The general meeting adjourned at 10:00, and broke into committees to continue committee work.