

Chancellor's Task Force on Sexual and Relationship Violence
May 1, 2015
11:30am -1:30pm

Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, Senior Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, and Joanna Masingila, Dean of the School of Education, thanked everyone for agreeing to be part of the Task Force and welcomed them to the first meeting. Rebecca turned the floor over to Chancellor Syverud.

The Chancellor gave his charge to the group, (document attached). He talked about a book that he would like the group to read: "Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town" by Jon Krakauer, as an example of what he does not want to have happen at Syracuse University. He stressed that the work of the group should prioritize what benefits the students rather than concern about public relations for the University. The book will be provided to the Task Force members.

The members each introduced themselves and expressed what they hoped to contribute and what they'd like to see the Task Force accomplish. After introductions, Rebecca reviewed the handouts that were included in the information packet (list attached). The Task Force will be divided into committees and currently there is one already formed – the Planning Committee. Members were invited to join that committee, which will meet during the summer. The entire Task Force will meet twice a semester but some members thought that might not be often enough, which the Planning Committee will consider. Guidelines for the Task Force will be developed.

Barry L. Wells, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, asked to discuss whether SU should schedule a showing of the movie "The Hunting Ground". The movie, which the majority had not seen, was discussed, as was the impression of the film by the three members who had seen it. Emphasis was placed on the need to develop a program around the movie to include pre- and post- showing guided discussion for students because of the emotional impact of the film. After discussion, the consensus was reached that the Task Force should preview the movie during the summer, along with the Chancellor, campus leadership, and stakeholders. The general student population should not be included at that time. After screening, the decision will be made when to show it and programming will be developed for a student event in the fall.

Rebecca and Joanna thanked the group for their time.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm