## Chancellor's Task Force on Sexual and Relationship Violence November 13, 2015 1:30pm – 3:00pm

## Attendees: Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, co-chair Joanna Masingila, co-chair Andria Costello Staniec Andy Gordon (partial) Barry L. Wells (partial) Bobby Maldonado Cathryn Newman (partial) Gabe Nugent Cory Wallack Huey Hsiao Katelyn Cowen Lois Agnew

- Lynn Levey Miriam Ward Pam Peter Randi Bregman Rebecca Dayton Sarah Solomon Sheila Johnson-Willis Sudan Zhuang (partial) Tiffany Gray Tristan Ruzic Tula Goenka
- 1. Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz welcomed the group and self-introductions were given.
- 2. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- 3. Tristan Ruzic reported on the results of the letter the Greek Council sent to other schools and colleges regarding taking action against sexual and relationship violence. They will send a follow up letter that requests specific actions such as using Syracuse University's model for collaborating with local bars with "Got Consent" messages and competing for signatures on the "It's On Us" pledge.
- 4. Miriam Ward reported that the Board of Athletes has been getting training. Next semester all athletes will be required to attend training.
- 5. Katelyn Cowen introduced three students who are part of the Peer Education team. The students introduced themselves and talked about how they became involved and what they do as Peer Educators. There are about 15 Peer Educators and they have educated hundreds of students on sexual and relationship violence. Cowen said that they are working to reach more students via Freshman Forum, incorporating staff and faculty as trainers, and adding to what students learn in the mandatory Everyday Heroes for incoming students.
- 6. The events during "It's On Us" week were successful in reaching many students. There was discussion about how to effectively communicate with students, i.e., social media more than email, word of mouth. Reed Kantrowitz said that the Academic Strategic Plan is examining strategies and effective ways to communicate with students.

- 7. Barry L. Wells reported on "It's On Us" week events.
- 8. A number of things were discussed, including the Task Force members desire to have been more involved in the planning of the "It's On Us" events; the need for more resources; and the need for educating faculty on "responsible employee" and available resources for students.
- 9. A comment was made that faculty need to take initiative to learn about their responsibilities as "responsible employees" and about the resources that exist for students. There was discussion about how to educate faculty; suggestions included seeking the buy-in of deans, making training for faculty mandatory, and asking knowledgeable faculty to help educate their peers.
- 10. There was discussion about how the Task Force should move forward as a group. The group agreed that the Task Force needs to do more than meet and talk; it needs to chart a course for future action. The co-chairs explained that the first semester meetings were dedicated to educating the Task Force and they intend for the second semester to be focused on action. For the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the committees should be prepared to report on strategies for cultural change.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm