

Chancellor's Task Force on Sexual and Relationship Violence
September 18, 2015
10:00am -12:00pm

Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, Senior Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, welcomed the group and self-introductions were given. Reed Kantrowitz thanked the group for their time, and summarized meeting agenda.

Rebecca Dayton, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs for Health and Wellness, and Pam Peter, Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) and Dean of Student Affairs, gave an update of health and wellness accomplishments, which includes:

- revising all printed and electronic student educational materials to be in compliance with new Enough is Enough legislation,
- creating new brochures and bathroom stickers which inform readers of the Sexual and Relationship Violence Response Team (SRVR) and include LGBT specific information,
- updating OSSR policies and conduct processes, and including an amnesty policy for alcohol violations,
- updating the sexual consent policy and retraining University Conduct Board members as well as TA's, GA's and RA's on the changes and,
- negotiating an updated Memo of Understanding with Vera House.

Reed Kantrowitz informed the group of the upcoming Climate Assessment, which will collect assessment data that will be used by Chancellor Syverud and the University's senior leadership to plan for a more inclusive learning, living and working environment. The assessment is one of the recommendations from the Chancellor's Workgroup on Sexual Violence Prevention, Education, and Advocacy last fall.

Sheila Johnson-Willis, Interim Chief, Equal Opportunity and Title IX Officer, and Katelyn Cowen, Director of the Office of Health Promotion, shared the updated University Resource Guide and a new infographic for students about seeking support for sexual assault, harassment, relationship violence or stalking. It also includes a student bill of rights. Johnson-Willis and Cowen are conducting sexual assault and relationship violence awareness training for students and will be doing so for employees. They presented a modified version of the training, including a Power Point and film, for the Task Force.

The group discussed specific topics including:

- new regulations require a notation, "code of conduct matter" on a student's transcript if they have a sexual conduct violation but it doesn't have to be specific,
- The Clery Act is a law which requires schools to report crime statistics annually,
- FERPA laws require safeguarding of student's privacy so there is a delicate balance when giving out information about student conduct,
- description of the difference between sexual assault and rape according to state law,
- the practice of using some definition of affirmative consent by most colleges although most other states do not require such policies,

- SU's education vehicles including Think About It, which discusses alcohol, drugs and sexual behavior and is required for all new students, and Got Consent Be SURE, which discusses informed consent.

Reed Kantrowitz reviewed the sub-committees that are being created and asked every Task Force member to join at least one committee. The Planning Committee will create a report to the Chancellor, due December 1, based on the work of the committees.

Barry L. Wells will chair a committee to plan week-long programming around the showing of the film The Hunting Ground. He asked for volunteers to help with that project. Student Task Force member Adam Rothstein said that the Greek organizations would like to be involved. Student Task Force member Tristan Rusik announced a letter that the presidents of the Greek councils are sending to other Greek organizations across the country, calling for a change in campus culture with the goal of ending sexual assault. Chief Bobby Maldonado announced a new app for students – LiveSafe - a virtual escort that is a "mobile blue light", which will be promoted by DPS, Health Promotion and the Title IX office.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm