

# Council on Sexual Violence Prevention

April 18, 2014

10:30 am - 12:00 noon

## Minutes

Susan Murphy, Vice President for Student and Academic Services, welcomed everyone to the council meeting. She introduced and welcomed the newest council members: Susan Robertson, Debra Hurley, Diane Francis (by phone), and Diane Rosen (by phone).

Vice President Murphy reviewed the agenda, noting that the minutes from the February 21, 2014, meeting are posted on the SHARE web site.

### **CSVP – First Year Activities (phase 1):**

Nina Cummings presented a brief summary of the activities that have occurred during the first year of the CSVP. This past year's focus was mainly on education and outreach due to compliance needs but that does not mean the research and evaluation component is not important. That part will take off this coming year. The past year's discussions centered on five concepts:

- Enhance education and outreach
- Examine contributing social cultural factors & climate
- Promote help-seeking and reporting
- Assess victim support services
- Consider programs currently in place and what else is needed

The Fall 2014 initial VAWA requirements focus on two key components for students, staff and faculty:

- Written notice about rights, procedures and policies for all complainants
- Required education programs for all incoming students, staff and faculty with specific components including
  - Institutional statement
  - Definitions of offenses
  - Safe and positive options for bystander intervention
  - Risk reduction

The SHARE.cornell.edu website will remain a central component, offering necessary information about reporting, assistance, policies and procedures as well as risk reduction, & definitions of offenses.

Next steps:

- Strategic Planning committee of CSVP will review today's Council discussion about the recommendations
- Strategic Planning Committee will identify feasible strategies/initiatives for Phase 2

### **Recommendations from the Education and Outreach Workgroups (materials provided prior to meeting):**

The Education and Outreach group Leaders presented recommendations from their workgroups to address the VAWA requirements but to also provide ideas that are not just limited to compliance needs:

- **Staff/Faculty:** Laurel Parker:
- **Graduate/Professional Students:** Susan Riley
- **Undergraduate students:** Laura Weiss

### **Council Discussion and Individual Comments after the recommendations:**

- We keep returning to why things don't work at CU; the lack of mandatory "anything" continues to be something for discussion
- Potential lack of contact once students move off campus; hard to reach them with educational initiatives
- We really need to develop a lot of campus partners (social capital which the students would identify with)
- Faculty recalling his past undergrad days – what about the possibility of asking the question about frats/sororities and why they are not co-ed – he feels that risky behaviors changed dramatically once there was mixed gender in his fraternity.
- Diane Rosen - integrate as during recruitment efforts working with the constituencies
- Momentum has to be created – go to Panhellenic group; ask them to embrace these training opportunities and take ownership
- In terms of Faculty/staff –is there any way to add the sexual violence training checks during the annual performance review?
- Ask student campus groups (Greeks; Quill Dagger) to help get the information out
- We need to look at the definition being used for Rape. What we are looking at here at CU is that you simply need to show that you did not give consent—not penetration.
  - Should we not focus on Consent more than how rape is being defined? We need to educate our public on what is and what is not rape.
  - Planned parenthood has a campaign – anonymous texts – with an answer to give out information about something that happened, consent, about a victim

### **White Ribbon Campaign**

Alexis Santi talked about how some peer institutions and institutions with smaller populations make it a point to work with every male that comes to the institution. He asked, "Who do we feel are "proper" educators?" Need to identify others on campus that can help facilitate education and get men more involved in the issue. He then described the White Ribbon campaign which is an awareness event when men pledge to not commit, condone or ignore violence against women. The MASV (Men Against Sexual Violence) group has organized the event to be held on Ho Plaza, April 21-25, 2014. They will be asking men to sign the pledge. There is also an online presence (Facebook page) and there will be press coverage.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04pm