

## Coalition on Sexual Violence Prevention Meeting

October 24, 2017

1:00PM – 2:30PM

### MINUTES

- Welcome and introductions from Ryan Lombardi and Mary Opperman
- **Announcements**
  - Sarah Affel, Title IX Coordinator
    - Update on “Not Anymore” graduate/professional student program
      - This past July, 2017 a new online program called “Not Anymore” was rolled out to all grad/professional students. Each student was required to complete it. The program was generally well received and there was a high completion rate. (There were no consequences/penalty for non-completion for this first round.) This program was not a replacement for in-person and smaller group programming with graduate/professional students; it was meant to provide an overview of campus policies and expectations. It will go to the new/incoming grad & professional students starting this summer.
    - Article 129-B “Enough is Enough” conducted first round of audits
      - Cornell received highest possible mark for compliance
        - Thanks to new student programming, residential programs and the help of the Skorton Center for Health initiatives for taking leadership role in education.
    - Sarah will be leaving her Title IX Coordinator position to return to Boston this summer
      - Job posting will go up shortly, as Sarah will be on maternity leave in February; Kareem Peat is stepping into deputy Title IX Coordinator role.
  - Nina Cummings, Sexual Violence Prevention Program Director/Victim Advocate
    - Cornell will be hosting the annual Ivy+ meeting with colleagues (both program directors and title IX coordinators) here in June, 2018.
    - It is a business meeting to discuss about best practices, policy initiatives and opportunities for collaboration among Ivy + group.
  - Timothy Buttigieg, Undergraduate, Class of 2019
    - The OneLove foundation, dedicated to combating relationship violence, was founded after Yeardley Love was beaten to death by abusive boyfriend at UVA. We now have a student chapter on our campus.
    - Student facilitators have been working for 16 months with Greek organizations and sports teams to lead discussion and show the One Love film.
    - The organization hopes to establish a greater presence and gain members (general body members for administrative work as well as facilitators)
      - Please encourage interested students to contact Tim at [twb48@cornell.edu](mailto:twb48@cornell.edu)
  - Sarah Rubenstein-Gillis, therapist at Cornell Health
    - Is running new support gatherings this fall for Cornell students (women) who have experienced sexual violence. The next gathering will be Friday November 10, 2:30-4:40 pm
    - Facilitated by Sarah Rubenstein-Gillis, Cornell Health and Laura Weiss, Director of Women’s Resource Center.
- Ryan Lombardi, Vice President for Student and Campus Life
  - Recap of the Coalition’s charge
  - There are many diverse great initiatives (programmatic, outreach, policy, etc.) occurring across campus

**Presentation: 2017 Cornell Survey of Sexual Assault and Related Misconduct** by Marne Einarson, Asst. Director, Institutional Research and Planning

Marne Einarson presented a summary of initial data findings. The data tables and an overview of the survey results are posted on [SHARE.cornell.edu](http://SHARE.cornell.edu).

During and after the presentation, discussion points raised by Coalition members:

What community groups should have this data presented?

- Sarah, Marne, and Nina presented data points two years ago and can do so again if particular groups are interested (UA, SA, etc.)
- Consider bringing together leaders from co-ops, residential life, Greek Life for data review

Need to think critically about how to apply the data to next steps

- How should this important data be presented to incoming students?
- Frame the data in ways and how to intervene in their communities when they recognize risk.
- We have programming on peer-to-peer “how to be a friend,” but usually not targeted to younger/newer students; usually for students already immersed in organizations and communities.
- “Intervene” video for promoting bystander intervention is available to campus organizations and groups.
  - The Skorton Center requests help spreading the word about availability of the Intervene film and workshop
  - The video is available through Cornell Cast; there are links so that you can select which scenarios you want to view (as opposed to the full 20-minute video)

Students are using the phrase “changing the culture” a lot more on campus. May not know what it looks like or how to proceed necessarily, but does reflect a heightened sense of shared responsibility

What studies are there on perpetrators?

- There were three questions in this survey that were behavior-specific. Was not particularly enlightening.
- There’s some research out there. There’s a study by D. Lisak; about 15 years old just about college men;
  - Has received some criticism
  - There are two kinds of perpetrators: one-time and repeat
- Some things can be gleaned by looking at how men, for example, answer bystander questions
- Mary Koss 1988 study
  - Victimization scale and perpetration scale
  - 4-8% of men acknowledged engaging in some level of coercive/violent behavior
- And we know the role of alcohol lowers inhibitions; is not causal but can be a contributing factor

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Next Coalition Meeting: November 28, 2017, 9:00 AM.