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Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force Meeting #3
October 14, 2015
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Washington State University – Spokane

Attendees:

Kim Anderson, Washington State University; Natalie Dolce, King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Paul Francis, Council of Presidents; Jen Friedlander, Washington State Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs; Joe Holliday, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Trent Lutey, Eastern Washington University (for Laurie Connelly); Bruce Marvin, Washington State Office of the Attorney General; Kat Monusky, Washington State Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs; Chair John Vinson, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

Via telephone:

James Crandall, Senate Majority Coalition Caucus; Evan Klein, Senate Higher Education Committee; Megan Mulvihill, House Higher Education Committee; Amanda Paye, University of Washington; Eric Richey, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; Kelly Schrader, The Evergreen State College; Maddy Thompson, Washington Student Achievement Council.

Via video:

Sue Guenter-Schlesinger, Western Washington University; Laurel le Noble, Council of Presidents; Darshan Robertson, Council of Presidents.

Subcommittee Updates

- **Campus Climate Assessment:** The community and technical colleges are moving forward with Campus Clarity to house the campus climate assessment for staff and students at their 34 colleges; they are working with the subcommittee to develop common questions and want to coordinate with the task force. Public baccalaureates are using different methods (Administrator-Researcher Campus Climate Collaborative or “ARC3” survey, National College Health Assessment Survey, focus groups, etc.) and are at different stages in terms of the development and usage of surveys in terms of how we go forward. UW conducted surveys in 2011 and 2014. The subcommittee will continue meeting and providing updates to the larger group.
- **Grievance Processes (APA/Student Conduct):** Met via a call on September 28. Participants discussed student conduct processes for state institutions and how they interact/are compatible with the APA in state statute. Identified barriers including factors

that may influence student conduct process outcomes, as well as inconsistencies of institutional procedures and interpretations of the APA. Discussed were timelines dictated by the APA and whether an exemption from it would allow schools to follow best practices given differing models. Also discussed were the challenges of identifying best practices due to conflicting opinions from ATIXA (Association of Title IX Administrators), National College Security Training, and others. Bruce noted some risks of not following the APA and applicable procedures, and advised that schools work closely with their legal advisors to ensure their best practices are within the confines of constitutional and due process requirements. He further stated that one of the current advantages of it is the uniformity across state government. The group will continue to meet to determine next steps.

- **MOUs:** Subcommittee of law enforcement, security personnel, and others convened recently and completed a draft MOU which will be reviewed this week. The goal is to create not only a general MOU which can be applicable statewide, but also one which can also be tailored to the UW and the King County area. On target to meet statutory deadline. An update will be provided at the next task force meeting.

➤ Decisions

- Grievance Processes Subcommittee: Bruce will review the APA to identify main points of conflict. A draft comparative chart, which identifies requirements by various groups and legislation, will be distributed to the group.

Criminal Justice System Workgroup Introduction

Some task force members expressed interest in identifying opportunities to collaborate with other sexual violence prevention efforts in the community and statewide (such as the task force created in HB 1068, concerning sexual assault examination kits, which met for the first time on September 29 and includes Chair Vinson as a member) and to endorse or suggest best practices (such as increased use of expert witnesses). A call will be scheduled before the November task force meeting. The group will work with other groups to avoid duplication of efforts.

➤ Decisions

- Paul will connect with legislative staff to ensure task force members are kept up to date with the work of the task force created in HB 1068.

Report to Legislature – December 31 Deadline

It was determined that the group will work to have a first draft ready for the November meeting and have the task force approve a final version at the December meeting. The authorizing legislation (SB 5719) calls for recommendations for improving collaboration between higher education institutions and law enforcement; recommendations for improving institutional sexual violence policies and procedures; suggested best practices to promote awareness of sexual violence; recommendations for early education of sexual violence prevention. Included will be background on 2015 legislation; an overview of the task force and the work thus far, subcommittees structures and discussions, and outside workgroups; the existing federal and state landscape on campus sexual assault, and best practices that are already in place at our campuses.

➤ Decisions

- Paul will take the lead in drafting the report with input from all task force members and will send out a draft in advance of the November meeting.

Seattle Public Schools Task Force Discussion

It was suggested that a delegate from the Seattle Public Schools Task Force for Prevention of/ & Response to Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault attend one of our upcoming meetings, as well as have one of our members attend their meeting. This may be helpful as we think about effective prevention strategies that could begin in our K-12 system. There was legislation proposed in the 2015 legislative session (HB 2183) that would have created a task force to create and implement a curriculum for the prevention of sexual abuse for K-12 students. Chair Vinson referenced California's recently passed first-in-the-nation law requiring all high schools statewide to teach students about sexual consent. It was decided that a delegate be invited to our November meeting at Bellevue College given the close proximity to Seattle. Task force members expressed interest in first reviewing the public schools' report. The report can be viewed online here:

http://councilofpresidents.org/docs/CampusSA/meeting2_9_3_15/20150612_FridayMemo_InterimSexualHarassmentResponseReport.pdf.

Transcript Notation Discussion

Concerns were expressed that transcript notation may create a barrier to education, even after punishment is served. It was noted that ATIXA has endorsed transcript notation, while other organizations groups such as AACRAO have not. The subject is divisive, as transcript notation has similarities to sex offender registries; some believe that as an academic record, transcripts are not the place for notation. Further discussion of APA among the subcommittee members is needed before taking a stance on transcript notation as a possible best practice. Paul will attempt to discern what current practices are at an upcoming meeting of public four-year registrars.

Other Items

Bruce composed a draft document comparing the various federal and state requirements through Title IX, VAWA, SB 5518 and proposed federal legislation. Paul will disseminate that electronically to the group for their review and feedback.

Upcoming task force meetings are planned on November 10 in Bellevue and December 17 in Bellingham. Agenda items should be sent to Paul or Chair Vinson.

Joe described an emerging reporting product called Callisto (www.projectcallisto.org) which he recently learned about during a Campus Clarity webinar. He will share information on Callisto with the group.

Paul recently attended the annual Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Legislative Advisory Committee meeting in Portland, where he made a presentation on Washington's recent efforts around campus sexual violence prevention and response. The meeting was attended by legislators from WICHE's 16 member states and territories.

A training session on Trauma Informed Investigations was recently offered locally by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) at no cost. The National Center for Campus Public Safety offered similar training. Chair Vinson noted there will likely be more class offerings from IACP at the beginning of the year.