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**Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force Meeting #6**  
**February 4, 2016**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Council of Presidents Office - Olympia**

**Attendees:**

Natalie Dolci, King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Paul Francis, Council of Presidents; Tricia Boerger and Bruce Marvin, Washington State Office of the Attorney General; Amanda Paye, University of Washington; Kelly Schrader, The Evergreen State College; Sue Guenter-Schlesinger, Western Washington University; Richard DeShields, Central Washington University; Ana Blackstad, Bellevue College; Anne Messerly, Washington Student Achievement Council; Laurie Connelly, Eastern Washington University; Kim Anderson, Washington State University; Roy Taylor, Associated Students of the University of Washington; Anna Schilter, Associated Students of Eastern Washington University; Emily Strode, Associated Students of Washington State University; Connor Haggerty, Associated Students of Washington State University Vancouver; Abner Pagnuran, Associated Students of Bellevue College; Neva Davies, The Evergreen State College Student Association; Cynthia Chin, Associated Students of Central Washington University; Elissa Goss, Washington Student Association; Jeff Beaulac, The Evergreen State College Association; and Chair John Vinson, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

**Presentation to the Senate Higher Education Committee**

Paul Francis gave a brief update on the Task Force's January 26 presentation to the Senate Higher Education Committee. Paul was joined by Chair Vinson and Kelly Schrader. Policymakers are extremely interested in and supportive of the Task Force's work thus far. There were a number of member questions related to policies and practices on campuses related to students, as well as questions about data collection, and the Task Force's work plan for the year ahead. A video archive of the presentation along with the PowerPoint is available at:

[http://www.councilofpresidents.org/index-3\\_issues.html](http://www.councilofpresidents.org/index-3_issues.html).

**ASUW Student Presentation**

Roy Taylor from the Associated Students of the University of Washington spoke about student efforts in this area. There is currently an office for sexual assault and relationship violence prevention that is understaffed. The highest student priorities thus far have been defining affirmative consent and 24-hour access to sexual assault nurse examiners. There is also interest in bystander intervention, outreach and prevention activities, as well as expedited student conduct hearings. The ASUW Senate recently passed a resolution regarding affirmative consent, which continues to be a major priority. The students have been working with surrounding colleges and

universities on this issue, most notably Seattle University. ASUW has been tracking a number of pieces of 2016 legislation, including [HB 2530](#) (Relating to protecting victims of sex crimes) prime sponsored by Rep. Tina Orwall, as well as [SB 6151](#) (Concerning sexual assault protection orders) prime sponsored by Sen. Steve Litzow. They will be speaking with legislators on these issues during their legislative lobby day on Monday, February 8. They are also looking at partnerships with the local community, including the City of Seattle. Richard DeShields initiated a discussion as to whether ASUW had collected information on how long student conduct processes and responses to sexual assault were taking at each of the institutions, as they might vary by sector and institution and thus impact their advocacy. Richard used the example of CWU paying for the local hospital's SANE nurse, thus benefitting not only the University but the entire community, as a practice that may be more effective in local communities.

## Campus-Based Advocates and Public Records Requests

Natalie and Tricia discussed some of the issues related to the legal status of campus-based advocates and the confidentiality of their records and discussions with survivors. Under Washington law, it is not clear whether campus-based advocates have the same privileges of community or systems-based advocates. Additionally, it not clear to what extent documents maintained by campus-based advocates and campus officials investigating allegations of sexual violence are subject to the public records act, which may be of concern to survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, relationship violence and stalking when choosing to make a report to or seek resources from campus officials. As more and more campuses are retaining advocates to assist survivors and, it may be helpful to clarify the law relating to the confidentiality of their conversations and documents. It was decided to create a subcommittee (composed of Bruce, Anne, Tricia, Natalie, Kim, and Marissa Howat, CWU Director of Wellness) to draft recommendations to the larger Task Force at the April meeting. Ana will check with Joe Holliday about subcommittee participation from the two-year sector.

## Subcommittee Updates

- **Criminal Justice Subcommittee** – Has been reviewing trauma-informed training and investigation options for law enforcement, jurors, and others. They have looked at how to incentivize training resources via online training modules and more, in conjunction with the Criminal Justice Training Commission. Subcommittee members mentioned New Hampshire as one state that provides a valuable protocol to address gaps and ensure appropriate training. Members are attempting to be conscious of agencies with limited resources. The subcommittee's goal is to provide a recommendation to the Task Force by early summer for review and feedback.
- **Campus Climate Assessment** – The group met via conference call on January 13. They decided that it was impractical to try to coordinate between SBCTC and the public universities on respective campus climate assessment survey questions as they are all looking at distinct though similar instruments. The SBCTC has a draft of their student survey questions created primarily from the White House Task Force resource materials and the ARC3; they need to submit it to the Washington State IRB at DSHS for review in February. The subcommittee was asked to provide guidance on introductory language and informed consent language for everyone to use in connection with the surveys. Subcommittee members agreed to continue meeting to share resources and act as a sounding board as surveys are implemented. Rich mentioned the importance of validity and reliability for faculty and staff surveys on this topic. Bruce mentioned that seven

universities have collectively released a climate assessment; Bruce will send a link to that information to the entire Task Force.

- **MOU's** – Chair Vinson noted that the group is waiting for responses to the draft MOU's submitted to the WASPC board at their November conference; the group will receive additional feedback on those at WASPC's May conference.
- **Student Conduct** – Amanda mentioned that the group is examining best practices around effective conduct processes, and then analyzing barriers to implementing those best practices. They are also examining how to share disciplinary records of transfer students between colleges and universities (including but not limited to transcript notation, as has been done in Virginia and New York). They are hoping to present a range of recommendations to the Task Force at its April or May meeting. The subcommittee's next meeting will be on March 2.
- **Prevention** – Kelly mentioned that the group recently held its first meeting and broke the work into two topics: prevention and a statewide awareness campaign. There has been some discussion about how to link K-12 and higher education together to better educate students that progresses developmentally over time. They have also discussed the effectiveness of programs, particularly with subpopulations; however, that information may be limited. Funding is also an issue in this area in particular. They are also looking at evidence-based programs as detailed by the Centers for Disease Control and other organizations. Regarding a statewide awareness campaign, there has been discussion about an approach along the lines of "Know Your 9" so that students are aware of their rights under Title IX. Subcommittee members plan to invite relevant stakeholders to hold a listening session on these issues. Paul will compose a summary of upcoming reporting requirements related to both SB 5719 and SB 5518.

### Public Comment Section

- Paul will connect with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to request that a dedicated K-12 representative attend future Task Force meetings.
- Darshan and Paul will work to secure speakers for the March, April, and May Task Force meetings.
- The next Task Force meeting will be on Thursday, March 17 from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the Council of Presidents office in Olympia.