Sexual Violence Task Force Summary
October 2, 2014

Task Force has divided (for the time being) into four different sub-committees:

Education and Training – Led by Anthony Keen
Environmental Changes/Changing the Rape Culture – Led by Frankie Velasquez
Communications – Led by Corey Polant
Evaluation and Assessment – Led by Jennifer Rikard

Summary of Sub-Committee Reports

Communications Sub-committee
- Encourage communication and collaboration between departments to be informed of ongoing events, processes, resources, and services.
  - Make sure students and faculty/staff are receiving the information about services and programs (outreach methods may differ to students and faculty/staff).
- Working with WAWA.
- Week long series of events focusing on awareness.
- Create a uniformed communication campaign of where the information is.
- Working with existing programs/collaboration.
- Different banners, but consistent messages.
- One SDSU campaign – going to be working with SVTF on sexual violence portion of campaign. Want to include sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Students are concerned about increase in cases being reported. Christy spoke with AS and explained that there is not necessarily an increase in incidents, there is a rise in reporting because of training.
- AS – Jessica/Lee come in and explain reporting process.
- Title IX website to serve as clearing house. Should Marketing and Communications take the lead?
- More coordinated efforts to avoid duplication, so community knows about programs, University calendar.
- Need a process to tell people to report upcoming programs – forms, logging, etc. Programs can be listed on Title IX website. TitleIX.sdsu.edu
- Does TitleIX.sdsu.edu confuse things with athletics? Does it need to say something about sexual violence in the title? Will people only think of Title IX as athletics?

Environment Changes/Changing the Rape Culture Sub-Committee
- “Reclaim” – stand alone peer advocate program run under the Women’s Center at the University of Cincinnati. Sexual violence not in the name. Peer Advocate Program, programming, collaborated with wellness center.
- All students must take Comm 103. Provide training for instructors of Comm 103 about the topic of sexual violence (training TBD).
• People might not come into a “center”; train more people around campus to be advocates.
• Learning about Greek life. Cultures within. Why is sexual violence pervasive in that culture?
• What are students hearing things from other students: top houses, reasons people don’t come forward.
• Safe Zone-type of program for training advocates.
• All of the other committees can help drive changes in the environment and cultures.
• Environmental harms: women walking down alleys at night because they don’t want to be arrested by police if they are intoxicated.

Education and Training Sub-Committee
• Support of and assistance with developing a CLEARING HOUSE of information that creates a cohesive campus theme around this topic (we recognize this is tied to another subcommittee)
• Advocacy for the development of a FULL TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF/FACILITY specifically tied to sexual violence and assault support
• (primary prevention) FACULTY and STAFF training that is mandatory and ongoing with multiple levels/options of training - pending legislation should assist with the faculty side of this
• (primary prevention) STUDENT LEADER TRAINING that is mandatory as part of being involved in any area of leadership on campus: RSO, RA/REO, Athletics, USEM classes, and Greek communities (pilot in Greek communities)
• Develop TRAINER/EDUCATOR RESOURCES that assist campus individuals with the different points of intervention
• Educate on YES MEANS YES - utilize opportunities like the Journey Toward A Shared Humanity

Evaluation and Assessment
• Expert in evaluation on these topics currently working at SDSU. Going to meet with him and enlist his help.

Major Issues Discussed by Entire SVTF:

• Should there be an independent office to deal with Sexual Violence/Harassment?
  o Would anyone go through that door? What about men? There exists a stigma to even go into CPS.
  o Health Services?
  o There is no one place that everyone goes. Not everyone goes to SHS after an assault.
Want this position to be a clearinghouse for programming, who to go to, resource.

Possible Committee recommendation to President:
- Students will ultimately go where they are most comfortable.
- Start with WRC, but info might come in that indicates changes to location, etc. are needed.
- Research on what other campuses are doing for sexual violence. Best practices. Don't reinvent the wheel.
- President should give a full time position to be an advocate, in addition to the grant proposal for the WRC.

Medical amnesty policy.
Can they call the police if they need a ride home drunk.

White House task force – balance wants of the victim, but is this person a danger to the campus community?