



Sexual Violence Prevention (SVP) Committee Minutes – March 1, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Rebecca Demchuk, Art Barron, Alyxis Watson, Beth Pirouet, Christy Gatto, Stephanie Woodall, Candace Quinlan, Nancy Hempel, Jorge Gutierrez Calzada, Hannah Lacroix, Willow Eldon, Jaimie Randall, Ryan Peebles, Lydia Fiorini, Angelo Ciardella, Jenelle Stanley

Absent: Wintre McConnell, Gregory Lowry, Jennifer Johns

1. Sexual Misconduct Policy
 - Rebecca indicated that the policy is still under review and if anyone in the group has input, to please send her way. The hope is to have a new policy in place before September.
2. Residence Update
 - Alyxis provided a programming update to the group which includes:
 - September
 - i. Move in Orientation ○ When students move in, they are required to attend an orientation meeting, during the meeting consent, sexual violence prevention, and how to be a bystander. During this event we go over how to get in contact with the school and residence if a student goes through anything.
 - ii. Sex Trivia – trivia around sex and consent
 - iii. I'd Hit That – A program about asking for consent and how consent can be sexy.
 - iv. Sexual Violence Prevention - What is your comfort Level? ○ Have students think about when they are comfortable doing anything to get conversations started. For example, "When are you comfortable holding hands?"
 - October
 - i. Halloween consent and safety ○ A guide to staying safe while having fun on Halloween and being safe.
 - November
 - i. Sex Trivia
 - January
 - i. Mandatory Meeting ○ We ran another meeting where it was required that students attend. We discussed the same topics as in the first meeting in September.
 - March
 - i. Sexy Bingo will be run. It will be run as normal bingo; however, topics of sexual violence, harassment and consent will be discussed.

3. SVP Student Group Update

- Candace and Angelo reported on the survey a Valentine's Day contest that they ran for the student body.
- Students were to answer ten multiple choice questions on consent, sexual violence and STI's for a chance to win a Valentine's Day dinner.

Data Points

- An outstanding 115 students responding to the quiz
- 1 student awarded \$100 - 10/10 correct answers
- 1 student awarded \$50 - 9/10 correct answers
- 4 students had 9/10 - entered a draw
- Median - 6/10 with 34 students

Takeaways/Education Opportunities

- Educate students on safe sex practices
- Run an educational campaign on consent (FRIES - freely given, reversible, informed, enthusiastic, specific)
- Educate students on STI's (types outside of HIV)
- Most missed questions:
 - Practicing safer sex includes which of the following. 17/115
 - Consent should be 47/115
- Angelo provided a link to the contest to the group members.

4. TSI

- TSI now has one of their Directors to sit on the Student SVP team and they will work collaboratively on initiatives.
- TSI will be running Sexy Bingo in March

5. Website Review/ Flowchart

- Rebecca indicated that she added a link to the Sexual Violence Prevention page to the new "One-Stop Student Info" on the College web page.
- The group reviewed a couple of flowcharts that Candace provided per our last meeting's discussion. The group agreed on which they preferred. Rebecca indicated that she would work on a St. Clair version for the next meeting. Beth and Nancy offer to assist.

Action Item: Rebecca will draft a St. Clair version of the flowchart for the next meeting, with the assistance of Beth and Nancy.

6. Statistics Review (high level)

- Between Beth and Art, they indicated six (6) disclosures since April of 2020. From a community perspective, community numbers of sexual assaults appear to be down, however, home based sexual assaults have increased during the pandemic.

7. Women's Campus Safety

- Rebecca indicated that the College receives Women's Campus Safety funding annually and would like this group's feedback, from all campuses, on initiatives for safer campuses.

Action Item: All members will submit any ideas to Rebecca by April 1 to be reviewed at the next meeting (April 5).

8. Roundtable

A great discussion was held over the merits and pitfalls with mandatory student training on sexual violence prevention. The following captures the discussion:

- Students will just take the training to get it done, not really pay attention to the message.
- There may be some backlash to this if made mandatory.
- Perhaps we identify key areas to deliver the training.
- Should it be a “for credit” course? - this would work in many programs but would miss many more.
- Build it into the course outcomes for H&S in programs – this is an option; however, the concern would be over who is delivering, not all Faculty would feel comfortable or confident providing this training
- It should be short and targeted mandatory training, like COVID training was. Even if 300 people get the message, it’s better than none.
- Consider incentivizing students to take the module, or offer as a contest
- Do not use the word training, this will turn students off
- We should seek lessons learned from those institutions that have made this training mandatory for all students.

Another suggestion was a “just ask” chat line which would be a way to anonymously ask questions about consent that many would be concerned about asking.

Action Items:

Ongoing - Rebecca will bring forward a student guide version of the How to Help guide to the Behaviour Assessment and Care Team for review and development.

Rebecca will seek input from those institutions that make the training mandatory. Art and Rebecca will review with CAE once again for options.

Next Meeting: April 5 at 3PM via Teams