

Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention Council

June 9, 2022 – 10 AM – Noon

Meeting Minutes

10:00 – 10:30 - Opening and Introductions (Ali)

10:30 – 10:35 - Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes

10:35 – 11:00 – Action Agenda: Immunity Policy

- Model institutional Policy- subcommittee needed
- Review suggested Legislative Language: Ch 337 Section 168D. (k) A reporting party or a witness who causes an investigation of sexual misconduct shall not be subject to a disciplinary sanction for a violation of the institution's student conduct policy related to the incident unless the institution determines that the report was not made in good faith or that the violation was egregious. An egregious violation shall include, but not be limited to, taking an action that places the health and safety of another person at risk.

11:00 – 11:30 – Action Agenda: Discuss Aggregate Campus Data

- What are the sources of data on your campus? ***Come with information on what sources of data you use to understand the scope of sexual misconduct on your campus and be prepared to share**
 - Why are we even having this conversation? Data is not accurate and it feels dangerous that we are even going down this path because we already use this info as if it is accurate and we know it is not
 - Hospital (UVMMC)- Local hospitals typically collect info on housing status, hiv medication administered, college student status. As a state SANE program we collect information on demographics, what type of case it is (DV, trafficking, etc) and whether or not it was reported.
 - Raenetta offered to connect folks with their local SANE nurses. SANE care is patient centered and is whatever the patient requires regardless of when the assault occurred- we are trying to dispel the myth that the exam is a traumatic experience overall
 - We also need to look at national data. Elliot shared that they just attended a conference and heard about research done on the national trends related to sexual

behavior of young people and the trends related to an increase in strangulation and pornography sites

- SANE 50% of sexual assaults in the last quarter had a component of strangulation
- Ellett brought up the concern related to any language that is used in collecting data because the way we talk about things is very different from how her and her peers describe them so we may not be speaking the same language and getting at the correct intent and meaning from students
- Campuses have some data available to them that we could be able to sue to respond to the legislative request and begin to craft this picture. There is a need for specificity in what colleges in VT are seeing although the national trends can guide the direction in the data that we look at
- Not feeling like we need a new tool just yet but maybe there is a way we can collectively pull from what we already have?
- What do we need to know with the data? Questions we want to know related to data- Ali will start to compile

11:30 – 11:50 – Discussion Topic: Restorative Justice Practices

- Are you infusing restorative justice practices within your work?
 - Bennington is working with Alisa DelTufo for conduct policy and related to title IX, Hope is to create an RJ clinic students can access for anything from roommate conflict on up...
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- What are the barriers or questions you have around supporting restorative justice efforts on your campus?
 - Lack of trust with the administration and feels like they are against the students
 - Lack of staff for support for students
 - Only students are fighting against the systems and there are only so many ways that you can protest or fight it and then school becomes a super triggering place for survivors when you walk into the dining hall and see a sign that says “rapists eat here”. I get that they aren’t getting the support they need and have good intentions with their protests but it just makes it harder for survivors to exist on campus
 - Students want to talk about broader issues and talk in a productive direction with administration and it is a struggle to make that happen
- Motion was made for a subcommittee/ad hoc group that would meet to discuss RJ issues on campus
 - Ali would invite Alisa Del Tufo and can send out a suggested meeting time to the group and feel free to invite anyone else who wants to join- title IX or prevention folks who may be interested in joining

11:50 – 12:00 – Closing

- Fill out survey for future agenda items