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St. Clair College Sexual Violence Prevention Committee Minutes February 26, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Rebecca Demchuk, Aaron Grass, Alyxis Watson, Jackie Fulmer, Nikita Alagha, Holly Nicholson, Nancy Hempel, Christy Gatto, Michelle Boucher

Absent: Beth Pirouet, Nancy Frick-Costa

Discussion

From the last meeting, Rebecca asked for feedback on the four points discussed.

- Policy and Procedure Re-Work
 - The current policy is complicated and suggested a “user manual” to go with it similar to what was developed for policies
 - Friendlier terms could be used
 - The policies at Fanshawe and King’s College were very close to ours
 - The policy should be affirming to start and let people know right off the bat what to do or who to contact without reading through all of the complicated policy language
 - The University of Windsor has updated their policy and website and is an excellent example

- Website
 - Model the U of W’s new website
 - Should require a “clear history” or “quick exit” button when you pull up the webpage
 - When you type in sexual assault in our browser, the first page it sends you to is the definition page instead of the “how to get help” page
 - Can we do a short video on consent first?
 - Suggestions were made around including visuals – office areas, people who can help
 - Our website recommends resident students talk to residence management but the link is to the residence web page which leads to more searching, can we just focus on who to talk to, again visuals.
 - A small team of people who can help and their contact information and pictures was recommended rather than suggesting the many locations to get help that we currently do
 - Address the 24/7 issue or at least give the hours where help (outside of Security) can be sought (ex. Good to Talk, etc.)
 - Have “You’re Not Alone” type of wording to start
 - Could we have a “Reach me now” option if an individual is looking for more information

- *Added note by Chair to not be missed – add link to Windsor Police on-line reporting tool for sexual crimes*

- Membership
 - It was recommended that an International advocate sit on the committee (we do have one international student volunteer who could not make this meeting)
 - Alyxis (Residence Life Coordinator) and Michelle Boucher (Residence Advisor) have joined. Christy will wait for SAA elections to be completed before asking for a SAA volunteer

- Activities and Training Initiatives for 2019
 - Ideas and examples of what has worked in residence and other institutions were discussed including:
 - Consent Team – team of students who hand out information and give always, wear buttons, advocate for students
 - Leadership Certificate – start with sexual violence initiatives but has the potential to include so much more
 - Posters, video, victim impact statements
 - Take Back the Night event (April?) walk
 - I'd Like That, Date Stage Board, Sexy Trivia – Residence events that took place or will take place this year where the name of the game was not anything heavy and got people there for a fun time but the topics were related around healthy discussions around sex
 - Events must offer free food
 - Health Fair
 - Self Defense

The group agreed to split up into the following teams and come back to the next meeting with changes/options:

Policy/ Procedure Re-Work – Jackie, Nancy H. and Rebecca
 2019 Initiatives – Holly, Alysis and Michelle

If anyone wants to submit something to either group for consideration, please feel free to do so. The next task will be the website so please consider volunteering to join a team to redevelop our webpage.