UNC Gender-Based Violence Prevention Advisory Group
Monday, January 25, 2021 2-3:30pm

Present:

Kayla Baresich, Neel Swamy, Rebecca Gibson, Holly Lovern, Beth Moracco, Taylour Neal, Jenn Scott, Shereka Littlejohn Dunston, Helyne Frederick, Shakiera Branch, LB Klein, Caitlin O'Loughlin-Rosa

Absent:

Alyssa Sanchez, Anwar Boutayba, Audrey Pettifor, Laci Hill, Lizzie Abouchar, Shareen El Naga

Agenda

1. **Announcements and Updates**

Rebecca Gibson discussed forthcoming Title IX personnel changes. A Hearing Coordinator/Investigator position was recently posted and is accepting applications for the next two weeks: https://unc.peopleadmin.com/posting/187602. Adrienne Allison is leaving her current position. More information on when that position will be posted is forthcoming. She plans to stay in her position until the replacement is hired.

Holly Lovern shared about the new GVSC Instagram. You can follow it @uncgvsc.

2. **SPSO Search Update and Discussion**

Beth Moracco and Neel Swamy facilitated a discussion about the Strategic Prevention Strategy Officer/Director of Interpersonal Violence Prevention Collaborative position search process. The search committee is currently completing interviews with eight semi-finalists and will soon select about three finalists for virtual campus visits.

Advisory group members discussed the importance of clarifying structural components of the position prior to the campus visits and stressed the importance of providing finalists with a copy of the advisory group's fall report. The advisory group also discussed the importance of including students in the process and providing a public invitation to the University community to attend. Members also mentioned the value of ensuring that there are certain core students who attend all of the virtual campus visits, if possible. Some members also suggested that there be asynchronous options to view a recording of the candidates' presentations and to share feedback if not able to attend live. Others suggested the value in having an option for individuals to submit questions during the question and answer period anonymously via a moderator, especially if presentations are recorded.

3. **Update on UNC GBV Prevention Advisory Group Report and Next Steps**

LB Klein thanked the advisory group for their feedback on the draft fall report that was sent to University leadership on January 13th. Klein outlined that they will meet with University leadership on February 3rd to answer initial questions and that leadership will then attend the advisory group's February 22nd meeting to ask further questions and discuss next steps.

4. **Discussion of Recommendations for Immediate Action Steps and February Meeting Preparation**

The advisory group then discussed preparation for the February meeting with University leadership, including the nine immediate action steps proposed in the fall report. The advisory group discussed the importance of next sharing the fall report with SPSO candidates and personnel who are implicated as persons responsible within the recommendations. The advisory group suggested releasing the report publicly alongside notification of the hire of the SPSO and the establishment of the dashboard.

Members of the advisory group also discussed the value of applying for OVW grant finding this March and will follow up about who might be able to fill an interim Project Director role until the SPSO is hired, given the need for funding and opportunity through this mechanism given UNC's prior receipt of OVW campus grants.

5. **What questions do we need answered to continue our work?**
   - What is the institutional budget for violence prevention efforts?
   - What is the timeline for releasing the fall report?
   - What are next steps for implementing the nine recommendations for immediate action (by Fall 2021)?

6. **Next Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2021 2-3:30pm**
   Vice Chancellors Becci Menghini and Amy Johnson will attend along with Executive Director Nolan.