

Response to UNC Gender-Based Violence Prevention Advisory Group Report

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the dedicated and efficient work by the UNC Gender-Based Violence Prevention Advisory Group, convened in June 2020, in development of a comprehensive violence prevention report, which reflects on programs that have already been implemented, offers recommendations for the future, and suggests several long-term strategic steps. It is clear that the group invested considerable time on this report, and we appreciate their expertise and perspective on this critical issue. We especially want to thank L.B. Klein for her leadership and counsel during this process.

We know that one, two or 15 people alone cannot make a successful violence prevention program. We hope to increase engagement on this issue by continuing to build an infrastructure that supports many of the initiatives noted in this report, including the promotion of supportive spaces for all identities, creation of violence prevention visibility in all 14 schools, and enhancement of our bystander intervention strategies.

We want to reiterate our commitment — and that of the entire University leadership team — to supporting and promoting the important work of violence prevention. We believe this report will help inform our future path and assist our new Senior Prevention Strategy Officer, who will be hired this spring, in framing a vision, goals and strategic direction for our violence prevention efforts at Carolina and help us contribute to the national dialogue and framing of best practices across higher education.

We are grateful for the continued work of the group and look forward to continued partnership in advancing these prevention efforts. Thank you again for your valuable contribution and your commitment to supporting our students and the Carolina community.

With thanks,



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