

UNC Gender-Based Violence Prevention Advisory Group

Thursday, June 21, 2021 11am-12:30pm

Present:

Christi Hurt (Incoming Chair, 7/7/21), LB Klein (Outgoing Chair, 7/6/21), Holly Lovern, Dean Blackburn, Audrey Pettifor, Beth Moracco, Jenn Scott, Aishwarya Sharma (New Member), Neel Swamy, Helyne Frederick, Rebecca Gibson, Taylour Neal

Meeting Notes

1. Introductions and advisory group member updates

The group welcomed Christi Hurt who will begin her role as Senior Prevention Strategy Officer on 7/7/21.

The group welcomed Aishwarya Sharma, new undergraduate student member.

2. Open discussion of the report and next steps

The group discussed the report and hopes that now that the SPSO is starting that the immediate action steps will be taken. The group asserted that the SPSO needs senior leadership (Vice Chancellors, Provost, Chancellor) to create pathways through which the SPSO can prioritize gender-based violence prevention. Key components of the report were structural change and accountability. The group hopes that a revised timeline for the immediate action steps delineated in the report can be established as soon as possible.

The group also discussed the importance of allocating fiscal and personnel resources that the SPSO can use to move the prevention agenda forward. This allocation is critical to advancing prevention programming, especially given the Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator's departure from UNC in mid-June.

Link to advisory group Fall 2020 report: https://safe.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1110/2021/02/UNCGBVPrevAG_Report20203.pdf

Link to response letter from University leadership: <https://safe.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1110/2021/02/UNC-Gender-Based-Violence-Prevention-Advisory-Group11.pdf>

3. Discussion of meeting structure approaching fall 2021

The group was interested in resuming monthly meetings in August. Christi Hurt will reach out after her start-date to schedule one-on-one meetings with advisory group members for discussion.

4. What questions do we need to be answered to move forward?

What resources will the SPSO and the advisory group have to carry the report recommendations forward?

What is the revised timeline for the implementation of immediate action steps?

What is the update on action steps completed since January 2021?

5. Next steps

Christi Hurt and LB Klein will transition the role of chair.

Christi Hurt will reach out to advisory group members to schedule one-on-one meetings, establish a fall meeting schedule, and submit to the open meetings calendar.

6. Next meeting: TBD