

# Coalition on Sexual Violence Prevention

March 27, 2019 • 1:00pm–2:30pm

## Minutes

Vice President Mary Opperman welcomed everyone to the Coalition meeting. After introductions, VP Opperman asked if there was more information to share about the upcoming sexual assault awareness week in April.

- Additional details will be forthcoming. Students have not seemed as organized this year.
- Take Back the Night will be April 26 – 40th Anniversary – Downtown Ithaca Rally.

### **Update on Women's (EAAA) and Meinig Scholars Program**

Nina Cummings & Laura Weiss, Skorton Center for Health Initiatives in Cornell Health, & Kris DeLuca, Director, Meinig Family Cornell National Scholars & the Cornell Commitment, provided updates on the development and implementation of the EAAA program at Cornell, as well as the development and implementation of a comparable men's program.

- **Meinig Scholars Program**
  - Kris DeLuca presented a description of the 2 piloted programs with the Meinig Scholars that took place in February 2019, including collected data about the programs' value to first year students and changes in the students' thinking about sexual violence.
    - EAAA: Eighteen women participated.
    - Men's program: Eighteen men participated.
    - There was a report on the pre/post data collected from the male participants, including rape myth beliefs, perceptions of masculinity and willingness to intervene during risky situations.
  - Evaluations after the programs:
    - After each module of EAAA and the men's program, each group was given an evaluation
    - In addition, the men completed pre/post data.
    - After full completion, there was a focus group conducted by Skorton Center staff (with the women and men together) to gather additional feedback and to gauge the Meinig Scholar's reactions to the programs they attended.
  - The facilitators of both programs provided brief reflections of their experiences working with the students: Baba Adejuyigbe, Marcus Brooks and Nicole Moss [Lara Hamburger (absent)]

### **Discussion & Questions**

- Where are we now with EAAA?

- We are waiting to hear about a grant that would fund a multi-campus study of EAAA in the U.S. Cornell will participate.
  - EAAA was well suited to the Meinig program on leadership so may do it again in 2020.
  - We are working with one sorority to offer it to their new members in the fall.
- If we offer the EAAA and men's program: How do we get students to participate? Can we incentivize them?
- This is fabulous. I am thinking the reality is, "how do we get more students through the program"? Should we be looking for other ways to role this program out?
- Do you think that the materials were best in a group setting or could you do the training in a one-to-one setting
  - Group dynamics helped everyone learn...they started to police themselves and learn
  - Got out of the Ivy tower mode and got real; helped us to meet them where they were.
  - I believe 12 hrs. is the right time that works to go with the program. Made them feel comfortable to be able to speak about anything with their peers.
  - For the women, hearing that other women were experiencing the same thing helped the discussions and connection with the material. Need all 4 modules for it to be effective.
- Choosing the "right" facilitators is important—dynamic, young facilitators is key to open conversation.
- Diversity of the group? Is this intentional? Is it embedded in the curriculum? How do we deliver a program that will hit on all participants?
  - Facilitators needed to check themselves, make sure that what and how they presented would resonate with all participants. We(facilitators) were mindful of triggers.
  - This was a super experiential experience.
- Are there any other demographics of participants in the data?
  - There is some data, but we did not intend on collecting demographic data. To keep the data collection simple, we were interested in program effect.

End: 2:30pm