

## **President's Working Group on Sexual Assault and Harassment**

### **Organizational Meeting Summary 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2013**

**Members Present:** Cynthia Chand, Emma Coddington, Truman Collins, Jim Ferraris, Lloyd Fobi, David Friedman, Jonathan Gates, Nichola Greenblatt, Kristen Grainger, Molly Hawkins, Kim Larson, Melissa Michaux, Manny Rodriguez, Celine Sannes-Pond, Sophia Siegrist, Jeff Staples, Colin Starr, Rachel Steck, Cynthia Stinson, Margaret Trout, Emily Trussell, Honey Wilson

**Members Absent:** Leah Chubb, Jenna Harper, Jerome Sader

**Guest:** Steve Thorsett, President

#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Kristen Grainger called the meeting to order and began self-introductions.

#### **WORKING GROUP CHARGE AND EXPECTATIONS**

President Thorsett stressed the importance of the working group's efforts and thanked the members for their participation and for being willing to meet once during the summer so as to enable the group to hit the ground running in the fall.

#### **OVERVIEW & DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE**

Kristen Grainger and Margaret Trout reviewed the draft work plan and the schedule, which proposes five meetings, three in the fall, which are intended to be open to the community, and two in the spring. The goal of these meetings is to enhance understanding of sexual harassment and assault generally and of various regulatory requirements, as well as the university's policies and practices.

In addition to the meetings, staff from the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force will conduct campus focus groups, and an anonymous student survey will be administered in the fall. Analyses will be provided to the working group in late January.

Discussion ensued, and consensus was reached that the work plan and schedule were generally acceptable. Further investigation may be needed as to whether faculty and staff surveys would be of use in addition to the student survey and staff/faculty participation in focus groups.

**OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION:**

The working group has been asked to participate in programming the first Convocation of the fall term. It is scheduled for **Thursday, September 5, 2013, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Cone Chapel**. Working group members are asked to hold this event on their calendars and attend, schedule permitting.

After a discussion about possible approaches to the program for Convocation, the consensus was that an opportunity to share the charge and timeline of this group's efforts in addition to several other campus organizations' plans regarding Title IX-related issues for the upcoming academic year, it would be useful to provide a forum for the working group and others to hear students' questions and concerns.

Kristen, Margaret and Cynthia agreed to discuss it further, develop and circulate a proposed program to the working group prior to submitting it to the Chaplain.

The co-chairs indicated that the work plan, schedule and this meeting summary would be uploaded to the public site for the PWGSAH,  
<http://www.willamette.edu/about/leadership/president/pwgsah/index.html>.

**NEXT MEETINGS ARE:**

Alumni Lounge 5:30-7:30pm

September 9, 10 or 11, 2013

October 14, 15 or 16, 2013

November 18, 19 or 20, 2013