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TASK FORCE ON CAMPUS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CLIMATE SURVEYS

Minutes-November 2, 2022

The second meeting of the Task Force on Campus Sexual Misconduct Climate Surveys was called to order at 1:30 p.m. via video conference as permitted by Public Act 101-0640 enacted June 12, 2020. The Chairperson and other IBHE staff members were present at the IBHE office.

The following Task Force members were present: Sophia Gehlhausen (Chair), Brenda Angulo, Natalie Bennett, Elizabeth Cook, Allison Decker, Megan Greeson, Representative Norine Hammond, Alison Hill, Patricia Hindo, Julia Howland, Jaya Kolisetty, Jessica Magliocco, Senator Cristina Pacione-Zayas, Jasmine Routon, Mindy Schneiderman, Kathryn Statz, Representative Katie Stuart, Nabilah Talib, Samir Tanna, Senator Jil Tracy, and Jarrett Williams.

The following Task Force members were absent: Madeleine Behr and Radhika Sharma.

Others present: Melissa Van (IBHE), Ashley Lewis (IBHE), Kevin Michael Swartout (Presenter), Meredith Smith (Presenter), David Cantor (Presenter), Bonnie Fisher (Presenter), Susan Chibnall, and Gail Thomas.

The meeting was recorded, and the recording has been posted on the IBHE website.

A. Call to Order and Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Call Meeting to Order by Chairperson Sophia Gehlhausen**

Chairperson Gehlhausen called the meeting order, explained the Open Meetings Act (OMA) protocol, and stated that the meeting would be recorded. She then reviewed the meeting agenda with Task Force members.

- **Review and Approval of October 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Gehlhausen confirmed that we had a quorum of members. The minutes from the October 5th Task Force meeting were approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

B. Recap of ARC3 Campus Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey

- Presentation by Kevin Swartout from Georgia State University and Meredith Smith from University of Virginia





At October's Task Force meeting, ARC3 was not able to finish their presentation. Both Kevin Swartout and Meredith Smith returned for the November meeting to finish the original presentation and answer Task Force members' questions.

Meredith Smith reviewed ARC3 Survey's creation, timeline, and guiding principles. She re-stated that the ARC3 Survey has 20 modules that can be used altogether or in parts. She said that ARC3 typically gets best results doing the survey on a 3- to 4-year cycle.

Kevin Swartout discussed what to do with the data once the survey had been completed. He proposed a two-phase process that Illinois could use to implement P.A. 102-0325. He emphasized that this process could be used regardless of the survey or vendor chosen. Phase 1 was entitled State-Level Planning and Infrastructure, and included action items such as, building survey reporting infrastructure, developing communication plans, IRB application and approval, and planning state-wide data analysis and reporting. Phase 2 was entitled Implementation on Individual Campuses and included action items such as distributing toolkits, launching the survey, data management and analysis, and reporting. Swartout informed the Task Force that ARC3 had been building up its capacity to take on large projects by receiving federal funding, partnering with Qualtrics and Rankin Climate.

Task Force members engaged in discussion with ARC3 representatives after the presentation. Their full presentation is available on IBHE's website.

C. AAU Campus Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey

- Presentation by David Cantor from Westat and Bonnie Fisher from University of Cincinnati

David Cantor began the presentation by explaining that the Association of American Universities' (AAU) survey was designed in 2014 and 2015 by a committee of AAU member institutions representatives. It was released in 2015 for the first time and then was revised for use in 2019. About 30 colleges participated in the survey in both 2015 and 2019. AAU is currently revising the survey to be used in 2024. Both the 2015 and 2019 surveys are in public domain and can be administered by any school but would need to be programmed.

AAU Survey has 12 sections, including questions about four types of victimization (sexual harassment, stalking, intimate partner violence, and sexual violence). Measures of nonconsensual sexual contact were explained, and results were shared from the 2019 report. Additionally, Cantor shared the details that are collected, such as number of perpetrators, alcohol or drug involvement, personal and academic consequences and reporting, among others. The AAU survey does





have questions on general perceptions of campus climate, opinions on services received, and bystander behavior.

The AAU survey allows for customizable lists to tailor the questions to be relevant for each school. Cantor explained that the time to complete the survey varied depending on whether the student reported victimization. The mean amount of time it takes to complete the survey was 11 minutes, while the median was 19 minutes. The AAU survey can be broken down into certain modules and does not have to be administered wholesale.

Cantor listed to-do items for implementing the AAU survey at schools, which included survey programming, survey administration (IRB clearance, tailoring questions, recruitment strategy and incentives, etc.), drawing sample, administering the survey, cleaning and weighting data, analyzing and producing report, conducting disclosure and producing a data set.

Task Force members engaged in discussion with AAU representatives after the presentation. Their full presentation is available on IBHE's website.

D. Discussion

- **Open Floor for Task Force Members' Questions and Concerns**

Chairperson Gehlhausen noted that IBHE had received questions about the law and wanted to give members time to discuss. Kathryn Statz began with questions on the definition of "student" in P.A. 102-0325 and what we mean when talking about campus "climate." Members discussed both questions in depth.

E. Public Comment

- **Call for Public Comment by Chairperson Sophia Gehlhausen**

Chairperson Gehlhausen announced at the beginning of the meeting how to sign up to give public comment. Chairperson Gehlhausen called for public comment, but no one signed up.

F. Next Steps

- **Presentation of Next Steps by Chairperson Gehlhausen**

Chairperson Gehlhausen reminded those who have not sent in their certificates to do so as soon as possible. She reminded working group members of the dates and times for their next meetings. She asked for Task Force members to submit recommendations for individuals to speak to the Task Force. Next Task Force meeting is December 7, 2022.



