Coalition on Sexual Violence Prevention Meeting

December 6, 2022
3:30-4:45pm

Welcome to the membership from co-chairs Ryan Lombardi and Christine Lovely. This is VP Lovely’s (Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer) first meeting of the Coalition since recently joining Cornell.

Announcements:

Multiple offices shared updates on their response/engagement with the recent crime alerts related to sexual assault and alleged druggings. Due to the ongoing investigation and student privacy rights, few details beyond what is publicly available could be shared, but updates were provided by: Lauren Branchini, Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX; Christine Nye, Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards; Anthony Bellamy, Cornell Police; Kara Miller McCarty, Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life; Shura Gat, Women’s Resource Center.

Ryan Lombardi announced the formation of a new working group on sexual violence prevention and education and invited CSVP membership to participate. This working group is intended to connect students to administrators providing sexual violence prevention and response services, and explore opportunities for further collaboration and development.

Jason Hecht, Ph.D., Office of Institutional Research, provided a summary of plans for the launch of the Spring 2023 Sexual Assault and Related Misconduct Survey. The survey will invite a random, representative sample of Cornell undergraduate, graduate and professional students from the Ithaca, Tech and Weill campuses to participate in the survey which will open April 10, 2023.

Presentation:

Adi Grabiner-Keinan, Ph.D., Executive Director for Academic DEI Education/ Director, Intergroup Dialogue Project, facilitated an interactive presentation which allowed CSVP members to explore the potential of the Sexual Citizenship framework to transform sex education and its impact on individuals and communities. Focusing on several educational interventions developed by the Intergroup Dialogue Project team in the last few months, Adi led the Coalition in examining ways to incorporate the key tenants of the framework into individuals’ respective areas and collectively facilitating change on campus.

Adi’s example of curriculum infusion of the Sexual Citizens framework as piloted with the Intergroup Dialogue Project student facilitators this semester is based on researchers Jennifer Hirsch and Seamus Kahn’s book Sexual Citizens which “reveals the social ecosystem that makes sexual assault a predictable element of life on a college campus. The powerful concepts of sexual projects, sexual citizenship, and sexual geographies, provide a new language for understanding the forces that shape young people’s sexual relationships. The result transforms our understanding of sexual assault and provides a new roadmap for how to address it.” (This framework was the topic of the Spring 2022 Coalition meeting.)
Meeting concluded at 4:45pm.