

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council: Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee

Chair Gregory R. Singleton

Meeting Dates in Current Year: September 22, 2015; November 10, 2015;
February 24, 2016

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

The Sexual Assault Response Team (S.A.R.T.) Advisory Committee formally met three times throughout the 2015-16 academic year to discuss ongoing educational programming initiatives occurring across campus. Among the initiatives that took place during the past academic year included:

July 2015

- A new campus Sexual Assault and Stalking Policy was implemented on campus in order to comply with and mirror the TBR system-wide policy.

August 2015

- "Govs" Means Respect campaign was launched on campus providing awareness to students, faculty, and staff on sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

September 2015

- A new online sexual assault training module was sent to all incoming freshmen and new transfer students (approximately 637 transfer students; 1,443 freshmen).
- "Feminist as an F Word" –presented by FMLA (Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance) was presented on September 14, 2015. This was a dinner discussion that decodes messages from media and pop culture that define empowerment for women.
- "No!: The Rape Documentary" Black Women, Rape, and Sexual Assault was presented on September 23, 2015. Film and discussion that was facilitated by Dr. Dwonna Goldstone, coordinator of the African American Studies Program. The discussion focused on the subject of sexual assault within the African American community.
- The Hunting Ground: Film & Panel was showed on campus on September 24, 2015. This was a documentary about sexual assault on college campuses and a panel discussion to debrief the message of the film and to share resources available on campus and within the community to the audience.
- TBR Regional Student Conference entitled "Be Aware, Take Action!" – Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Title IX was held on September 25, 2015 at Tennessee Tech University. Austin Peay State University sponsored 23 undergraduate students and two staff to attend this day-long conference. APSU sent more representatives than any other institution.

October 2015

- In order to promote Dating/Domestic Violence Awareness Month, SART and the Division of Student Affairs sponsored educational tables with Ribbons and Refreshments on October 1, 2015 in both the Morgan University Center and the Sundquist Atrium.
- Remember My Name: A Visual Representation of Dating/Domestic Violence took place on October 1, 2015. This was a visual representation of dating/domestic violence wooden silhouettes that represented the men, women, and children who lost their lives to domestic violence in Montgomery, Co.
- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes took place on October 15, 2015. This was a playful opportunity for men to raise awareness in the community about men's sexualized violence against women.
- Our annual Clothesline Project took place on both October 21 and 22, 2015. Students, faculty, and staff created t-shirts with messages to raise awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence and the impact that interpersonal violence has on society.

February 2016

- The spring online sexual assault training module was sent to all incoming freshmen and new transfer students (approximately 447 new students for spring semester).
- On February 10, 2016, 20 APSU students assisted in the grand opening of the Clarksville Sexual Assault Center. Additionally, the fraternity/sorority community donated \$2,500 to the Sexual Assault Center as part of our continued support of sexual assault and domestic violence programming efforts. Greg Singleton was selected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Sexual Assault Center
- What Makes You Beautiful Campaign took place on February 9 and 11, 2016. Students, faculty, and staff received inspirational messages, took a photo with the message, and then wrote a comment about how they are each individually beautiful in order to build a self-awareness campaign.
- Vagina Monologues performances was conducted on February 23 and 24, 2016. These performances raise awareness and money to donate to local community agencies who support victims of domestic violence.

April 2016

- These Hands Don't Hurt program took place on April 7, 2016. Students, faculty, and staff painted their hands, place their handprints on a banner, and signed their names reassuring that their hands don't hurt and to bring awareness to campus about sexual assault and domestic violence prevention efforts.
- The Clothesline Project took place on April 7, 2016. This project, originally displayed in October 2015, was again on display on campus to raise awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence.

- Take Back the Night program took place on April 14. Students/faculty/staff/community members marched around campus at night to bring awareness about domestic violence issues.