

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee

Chair

Gregory R. Singleton, Associate Vice President/Dean of Students

Meeting Dates in Current Year:

February 3 and March 30, 2015

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

The Sexual Assault Response Team (S.A.R.T.) Advisory Committee was officially formed on January 15, 2015 in order to bring together faculty/staff/students who have formal responsibilities for various prevention and reporting initiatives pertaining to sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

The S.A.R.T. Advisory Committee met formally on two occasions in the spring 2015 semester to discuss ongoing educational and programming initiatives occurring across campus. Among the initiatives that took place during the spring 2015 semester were:

Ongoing/Continuous

- Monthly meetings with representatives of the Sexual Assault Center in Nashville, TN have taken place involving members of the S.A.R.T. Advisory Committee. Among the objectives discussed have been ongoing educational efforts and bystander intervention training on college campuses across Tennessee. Additionally, members of the S.A.R.T. Advisory Committee will be attending a Rape Prevention Institute in Nashville, TN from July 21-23, 2015.

January 2015

- Various members of the Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee attended the TBR Sexual Assault and Violence Summit in Nashville, TN on January 27-28.

February 2015

- Sexual Assault Awareness Days were conducted on February 25-26. Literature on sexual assault/domestic violence/stalking was distributed along with teal ribbons bringing awareness of these issues to the campus. Additionally, a brochure developed by the Office of Student Affairs was also distributed.
- The "Clothesline Project" was displayed on campus to bring awareness of sexual violence to faculty, staff, and students.
- The "It's On Us" campaign was launched on campus to bring awareness of sexual assault/domestic violence/stalking. Posters, flyers, and awareness campaign buttons were distributed across campus to students, faculty, and staff
- A Sexual Assault Awareness online module program was launched targeting fraternity/sorority members, athletes, and resident advisors (approximately 1,100 students). Students were asked to voluntarily participate in the online module (which was a pilot program) and were provided incentives if they completed both parts of the training

module. The online module was a replicate of the training module that will be unveiled to incoming freshmen/transfer students in the fall 2015 semester.

- A "Campus Climate" survey was distributed to all enrolled undergraduate and graduate students, with incentives being offered to a random sample of students who completed the survey. APSU had the largest response rate among all TBR institutions.

March 2015

- "Gobs Means Respect" campaign launched on campus. Faculty, staff, and students were provided with posters, flyers, and buttons promoting the campaign. Additionally, a social media campaign was also launched to coincide with literature distribution.
- APPE (Austin Peay Peer Educators) was launched. Thirty undergraduate students applied and were selected to serve as peer educators beginning in the fall 2015 semester to assist in providing ongoing programming on sexual assault prevention and bystander intervention efforts. Training was conducted by the Sexual Assault Center in Nashville, TN for all 30 students on April 8, 2015.
- Vagina Monologues was held on March 24-25 on campus and sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program.

April 2015

- The "Clothesline Project" was displayed on campus to bring awareness of sexual violence to faculty, staff, and students.
- Student Autumn Tucker was selected to serve as an intern in the Office of Student Affairs for the fall 2015 semester to assist with sexual assault/domestic violence prevention efforts. This resulted as a collaboration between the Office of Student Affairs and the Department of Social Work and Autumn will receive academic credit for the internship.

May 2015

- Meeting was held with State Representative Joe Pitts, representatives of the Sexual Assault Center in Nashville, TN, and members of the S.A.R.T. Advisory Committee to provide support for the creation of a Clarksville, TN Sexual Assault Center.