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MINUTES

NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE ON POWER-BASED VIOLENCE

NSHE System Administration Office Building
4300 South Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

and

NSHE System Administration Office Building
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, Nevada 89512

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Members Present:

Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, Chair (Las Vegas)
Dr. Tabor Griswold, Vice Chair (Zoom)
Dr. Kavita Batra (Zoom)
Dr. Stefanie Coleman (Zoom)
Mr. Jordan Fischette (Las Vegas)
Ms. Erin Frock (Zoom)
Ms. Christina Hall (Zoom)
Ms. Lynda King, NSHE Chief Counsel Designee (Las Vegas)
Dr. Alison Netski (Zoom)
Ms. Michelle Sposito (Zoom)
Ms. Lindsey Wolterbeek (Zoom)

Members Absent:

Ms. Lisha Allison
Ms. Patricia Charlton, NSHE Interim Chancellor
Mr. Shaun Mabanta
Mr. José Meléndrez

Others Present:

Dr. Daniel Archer, NSHE Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, designee for Chancellor Charlton (Las Vegas)
Ms. Renée Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs (Reno)
Ms. Donna Healy, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs (Reno)
Mr. Chris Nielsen, NSHE Task Force Counsel (Reno)

Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, Chair of the Power-Based Violence Task Force, welcomed all members of the Task Force to the quarterly meeting which was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Public Comment

- As a member of the public, Mr. Jordan Fischette stated that he understands the fear and the unsettling, heart-wrenching feeling that some people's feelings might be dismissed or minimized, especially by leaders who seem removed from the reality of what it means to be a survivor.
 - He noted that he is here to advocate for those people, stating that they are not alone in this; he promised to do everything he can to hold institutions accountable, amplify victims' voices, and to push for meaningful change.
- Chair Gunn confirmed that there was no additional public comment in Reno, Las Vegas, or via telephone.

2. Chair's Report

Chair Gunn shared the following timeline of meetings and activities since the September 24, 2024 meeting:

- Meeting on September 27 with Eric Gilliland, Chief Human Resources Officer, Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) to discuss the Power-Based Violence Task Force and Title IX;
- Meeting on October 16 with Chris Nielsen, Counsel to the Power-Based Violence Task Force regarding meeting protocols and committees;
- Meeting on October 24 with Chris Nielsen and Renée Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs regarding the November 7, 2024 meeting agenda topics;
- Meeting on October 28 with Renée Davis to finalize the November 7, 2024 agenda; and
- On November 5, 2024, Chair Gunn received the all-institution socio-demographics report from Roni Dahir, Director, Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies, which will likely be distributed to the Task Force members prior to the next meeting.
- There is one vacancy on the Task Force; the process is underway to fill that student position.

3. Minutes

Ms. Lynda King moved approval of the September 24, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Jordan Fischette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Title IX Update

- Chair Gunn noted that this item would be tabled due to Mr. Eric Gillian's being unable to attend the meeting.

5. Scholarship and Grant Policy Provisions for Students Experiencing Power-Based Violence

- Chair Gunn introduced Ms. Renée Davis, NSHE Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, who presented information an overview of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 396.158, Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 8, Section 13) which provides interim measures, supportive, and remedies for complainants and respondents who are party to a complaint of power-based violence.
- The presentation included information regarding the following:
 - [Senate Bill 347 \(2021\)](#)
 - [Assembly Bill 245 \(2023\)](#)
 - [Nevada Revised Statutes \(NRS\) 396.158](#)
 - Board of Regents' *Handbook*, Title 4, Chapters [8](#) and [18](#)
 - Conditions to Qualify for a Waiver
 - Procedure for Seeking Waiver

Discussion

- Dr. Stefanie Coleman asked if a student can submit the waiver while going through the complaint process.
 - Associate Vice Chancellor (AVC) Davis stated that it is one of the possible remedies and measures and can be submitted during the process.
 - Once it is more well known in Title IX offices, it should be offered as a possibility by Title IX staff.
 - Ms. Lynda King noted that she will work to coordinate this process with AVC Davis and the Title IX directors.
- Ms. Erin Frock noted that from her experience with appeals committees, it seems like the students are asked to provide documentation to back up what they are saying and asked if that would be a part of this process for acceptance of these appeals.
 - AVC Davis responded that this is part of the determination that is made through the Title IX process; it is not part of any other financial aid or other campus complaint processes.
 - It is a self-contained process; there is no need for the student's Title IX appeal documents to be shared with the NSHE financial aid office.
- Ms. Erin Frock asked for clarification regarding the waiver's impact on the student's future grade point average (GPA).
 - AVC Davis stated that the decision will impose a timeframe, which could be revised; the Millennium scholarship is based on semester (not cumulative) GPA.
- Ms. Michelle Sposito clarified that UNLV students can access this waiver as a supportive measure without going into a formal complaint process.
 - She is not certain how that information is being communicated to the State Treasurer's office; AVP Davis will reach out to the UNLV Financial Aid office for clarification on that process.

- Mr. Jordan Fischette noted that the Millennium Scholarship has a six-year window and asked if use of the waiver would extend that window.
 - AVC Davis replied that she does not believe that it would allow for an extension; the options for that type of extension are currently limited to military or volunteer/mission service, but she will check on that.
- Chair Gunn thanked AVC Davis for her time and presentation, and for ensuring that students are connected to this resource through the Title IX coordinators.

6. Task Force Research Assignments

- Chair Gunn noted that the purpose of this agenda item was to lead Task Force members in a discussion of the statute guiding the makeup and duties of our Task Force, as well as the requirements for administration of a survey regarding power-based violence.
- Task Force members will be asked to consider volunteering to take on research assignments regarding one section of the statute for presentation at a future meeting, including a summary of provisions, work that has already been completed by the Task Force to date, and potential recommendations for future Task Force conversation.
- Our primary goal is to stay grounded in the prescriptive legislation that guides our work.
- As a Task Force, we recommend items to the Board of Regents for their consideration and possible action.
- We have been discussing four main areas including the survey, training, awareness, and advocacy.
 - We need to take a step back from a broader perspective and understand the legislation and what is guiding our work; we need to take a more nuanced view of it and inform each other regarding different components.

Discussion

- Chair Gunn shared the following proposed research assignment topics for Task Force members:
 - Ms. Lynda King - Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) sections:
 - **396.144, 396.151, 396.154, 396.157, 396.158** *Possible Requirements and Prohibitions for Institutions, and Grade Point Average Requirement Waivers*
 - Dr. Elizabeth Gunn – NRS section:
 - **396.1415** *Task Force Scope and Charges*
 - Ms. Erin Frock and Ms. Michelle Sposito – NRS sections:
 - **396.142, 396.1425, 396.143** *Research and Data, Climate Survey*
 - Mr. José Meléndrez – NRS sections:

- **396.145, 396.146** *Annual Training, Policy, and Procedures*
- Dr. Tabor Griswold – NRS section:
 - **396.141** *Task Force Membership and Meetings Protocol*
- Dr. Kavita Batra – NRS section:
 - **396.159** *Annual Reporting*
- Dr. Alison Netski – NRS section:
 - **396.156** *Investigation of Alleged Incidents*
- Mr. Shaun Mabanta and Ms. Christina Hall – NRS sections:
 - **396.147, 396.148** *Memorandums of Understanding- Assistance and Advocacy: Partnerships with External Agencies or Organizations*
- Ms. Lindsey Wolterbeek – NRS sections:
 - **396.125, 396.138** *Definitions: Terms and Meanings*
- Mr. Jordan Fischette – NRS section:
 - **396.152** *Required Training*
- Dr. Stefanie Coleman – NRS section :
 - **396.153** *Awareness and Prevention Programming*
- Chair Gunn noted that she will reach out to the student representatives regarding them taking on some of the reporting on definitions.

Discussion

- Chris Nielson, Task Force Counsel, asked if Chair Gunn had a general timeline in mind for formalization of the Task Force member research topics.
 - Chair Gunn noted that assignments will be formalized in advance of the February 6, 2024 Task Force meeting for presentation at that meeting.
 - Chair Gunn stated that she will be sending the members a reporting request and template via email prior to that meeting.

7. New Business

- Mr. Jordan Fischette requested a future agenda item to discuss increasing the meeting frequency of the Task Force.

8. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.