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MINUTES

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

NSHE System Administration Office Building
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

and

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Reno, Nevada 89512

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Members Present:

Ms. Melissa Barnard
Mr. Adrian Barrera
Ms. Luisa Bautista
Dr. Sarah Chamanara
Ms. Erin Frock
Dr. Tabor Griswold
Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, Chair
Ms. Christina Hall
Mr. Isabelle Hatch
Mr. Ricardo Salazar
Ms. Michelle Sposito

Members Absent

Dr. Kavita Batra
Mr. Jose Melendrez, Vice Chair

Others Present:

Renee Davis, NSHE Acting Vice Chancellor,
Academic and Student Affairs, Designee for
Chancellor McNair
Mr. Ryan Herrick, NSHE Deputy General Counsel,
Task Force Counsel Designee
Dr. Bradley Marianno, Associate Professor of
Educational Policy and Leadership and Faculty
Director of the Center for Research, Evaluation, and
Assessment at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas
(UNLV)
Ms. Sarah Petersen, Guest

Ms. Jennifer Porrier, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor,
Academic and Student Affairs

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 9:05 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Chair's Report

Chair Gunn thanked the NSHE staff in both offices and expressed appreciation for the collaboration with the UNLV Center for Research, Evaluation, and Assessment as work gets completed preparing the survey. Dr. Gunn thanked Acting Vice Chancellor Davis for her collaboration with Student Affairs Officers and Title IX coordinators at the institutions as they work to finalize the Institutional Services Matrix. Additionally, Acting Vice Chancellor Davis was thanked for her work presenting to the Legislature's Joint Interim Standing Committee on April 24th with updates and recommendations from the Task Force. Dr. Gunn noted she joined the presentation remotely and was present to answer questions. Dr. Gunn then recognized the two new members of the Task Force, Adrian Barrera and Ricky Salazar. Each new member introduced themselves to the rest of the committee.

3. Minutes

The Power-Based Violence Task Force approved the minutes from its February 5, 2026 meeting. ([Ref. PBVTF-3](#))

Dr. Tabor Griswold moved approval of the February 5, 2026, meeting minutes. Ms. Christina Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. 2026 Survey Question Review

Chair Gunn introduced Dr. Bradley Marianno, from UNLV's Center for Survey Research, Evaluation, and Assessment (CREA), who presented a revised draft of NSHE Power Based survey. [Refs. PBVTF-4a](#) and [PBVTF-4b](#)

- Dr. Gunn introduced this item as time for the Task Force to review the revised draft and provide input and edits. Dr. Gunn then introduced Dr. Bradley Marianno to present those edits.
- Dr. Marianno, Faculty Director of the Center for Research, Evaluation and Assessment at UNLV, thanked everyone for the feedback received at the February meeting, which had been incorporated into the current version of the survey. Dr. Marianno began a high-level overview, including revisions

to specifications of confidential and non-confidential resources available - ensuring proper references for all centers. There had been a trigger warning added at the beginning of each section and typos had been rectified. After the question on choking, a follow up question was added related to medical care. Also added was an item about how the respondent heard about the survey.

Discussion

- Ms. Luisa Bautista thanked Dr. Marianno for taking the recommendations from the previous meeting and expressed appreciation for the repeated report link and trigger warnings. She stated that she completed the survey herself in about 8 minutes.
- Ms. Isabel Hatch shared her concern regarding the rollout timeline – sharing that the first 8 weeks of a semester is considered a “red zone” for student experience. She suggested waiting until after that time period, until students have gained an understanding of resources available.
 - Dr. Marianno responded that he had no specific timeline in mind and deferred to the Task Force.
- Dr. Gunn thanked them both for their input and stated they would like to administer the survey before Thanksgiving break. In 2023 it was administered after Thanksgiving, and the return was less than ideal.
 - Dr. Marianno anticipated rolling out by direct email to students and anticipated a banner announcement at the top of Canvas when the students first log in. There will also be flyer announcements with a QR code, as well as direct email, which then provides three points of distribution. Dr. Marianno added that this tool has traditionally been used to report on incidents in the last year, and not the current academic year.
- Dr. Gunn asked that the Task Force focus on the possible action today of voting to recommend the survey to the Board of Regents. She asked the Task Force to go through the revised survey block by block to ensure it is as complete and thorough as possible before presenting it to the Regents.
- Dr. Marianno began the discussion by explaining the information page and consent question and continued to outline the rest of the survey in detail – describing each question and the possible answer choices.
 - Dr. Griswold compared the UNR version of their survey and asked if there was a way for the respondent to change their mind on a demographic question that bumped them to the end of the survey – in the event of a mistaken response.
 - Dr. Marianno replied that yes, there is an opportunity to return from the initial screening questions.
 - Ms. Christina Hall asked if it's possible to provide a link to confidential advocacy program at UNLV at the bottom of each page (along with the other links). Additionally, Ms. Hall noted that where directed to file a confidential report, the Title IX Office is not actually confidential, and that should be revised. Ms. Hall clarified that the Counseling center and the Care Center are confidential. Dr.

Mariano stated that he had standard language that would be added to delineate.

- Ms. Bautista asked about adding a Spanish language option as a large portion of Nevada State University is Spanish speaking.
- Dr. Marianno said that can happen but asked for a Spanish speaker to review and Ms. Hall offered the services of their bilingual case management reporter, who is also a victim's advocate in the Care Office to review for translation purposes.
- Dr. Gunn noted that a professional translator should be consulted.
- Dr. Marianno then summarized the requested changes, concluding this agenda item.

Dr. Gunn thanked everyone for their important work on the survey and called for a motion to recommend review to the Board of Regents.

- Dr. Griswold asked if the vote should wait until the Task Force sees the latest edits first? Mr. Ryan Herrick said it was acceptable for the Task Force to make the recommendation with the discussed edits to be added. Acting Vice Chancellor Davis noted that the timeline is tight to get this item on June Board of Regents' agenda.

Dr. Tabor Griswold moved to recommend to the Board of Regents the approval of the NSHE Power-Based Violence Survey with the edits discussed. Ms. Erin Frock seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Institutional Services Matrix

[\(Ref. PBVTF-5\)](#)

Dr. Gunn reviewed the work on this matrix, which has been ongoing since 2022. She noted that the matrix is more robust now and captures various levels of support offered and the edits from February 2026 meeting have been incorporated into this current version. Acting Vice Chancellor Davis shared that over the past 90 days edits from most campuses have been incorporated. The updates from UNR were received after the agenda was published, so she reviewed those changes for the record and discussion.

- In Section 1 it was agreed to remove Title IX from Safety Planning but to add the University Police Departments, which are well equipped for Victim advocacy.
- In Section 2 there was general agreement to leave the referral to Student Services. Mr. Ricky Salazar asked to remove the reference to confidentiality in a few places and in Section 2B he asked to add reference to the UNR Psychological Services and the UNR Downing Clinic. It was agreed to limit the references to student services available to those that are covered by student fees. In section 2f, Ms. Bautista suggested adding a direct link to the Student Wellness Services website for Nevada State University.

- There were no edits to the appendix.

Dr. Gunn summarized the options for next steps with regard to the matrix including where to take this matrix next and additional levels of analysis. Acting Vice Chancellor Davis inquired about the appropriateness of sharing this matrix to an NSHE webpage under student affairs section (with links as appropriate). Ms. Hall agreed that sharing resources in multiple places is a good idea. Dr. Gunn agreed that would be a good place for an overview of what's available and that would then require building into future agendas the recurring item of reviewing the accuracy of the matrix data.

6. New Business

- Ms. Hall recommended a continued conversation about how to best utilize the matrix of services to inform future recommendations.
- Dr. Gunn noted there would be an update at the next meeting regarding the Board of Regents' decision.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.