

MTSU CAMPUS NON-VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

2017-2018

YEAR END REPORT

MEETINGS AND ATTENDEES

During Academic Year 2017-18, the Campus Non-violence Committee (CNVC) met for the first time on October 20, 2017, at which time Amy York was elected chair. Abbigail Tracy became secretary. The committee met 4 times this year, with the last meeting held on April 20, 2018. Committee members were

<u>Faculty Reps (2017-2019)</u>	Carol Clark	Human Resources Rep
Katie Foss, Journalism	Buddy Peaster	Dir., University Police
Dennis Walsh, Mathematics	Mary Kaye Anderson	Counselor, Counseling Svc
<u>Faculty Reps (2016-2018)</u>	Danny Kelley	Asst VP, Student Affairs
Carl Ostrowski, English	Doug Brisko	Environmental Health
Amy York, Library	Barbara Scales	Director, JACWNS
<u>Student Reps (2017-2018)</u>	Daniel Green	Intercultural Div. Affairs
Abbigail Tracy, SGA Rep	Diane Turnham	Athletics Rep.
Stephanie Carpenter, Student	Maigan Wipfli	Office of Student Affairs
	Jeff Martinez	University Police
	Marian Wilson	Inst. Equity & Compliance
	Heidi Zimmerman	University Counsel

The goal of the CNVC for 2017-2018 was to continue promoting bystander awareness and assault prevention. The main activity for the year was the creation and awarding of the Tina Stewart Campus Nonviolence Fund, a funding opportunity for student and staff projects that prevent student violence, educate students on consent and safe dating, publicize campus resources for victims and bystanders, or other related goals. A total of \$5000 was awarded for three projects for the Spring 2018 semester. The funded projects are as follow:

1. The Holocaust Studies Program was allotted \$100 to promote the 2018 Biennial Holocaust and Genocide Studies Conference. The conference hosted Ms. Niemat Ahmadi, a Darfur survivor and president of Women for Darfur Action. The conference took place April 19-21.
2. The Center for Educational Media was allotted \$2900 to produce a series of four public service announcements to promote non-violence on campus. These

public service announcements will focus on gender-based violence and other forms of power-based violence on campus.

3. Health Promotion was allotted \$2000 to bring the “What Were You Wearing?” art installation to MTSU. This exhibit aims to address the myth that a person’s clothing choices could somehow invite sexual assault. The funds were used to purchase advertising materials and supplies for the event, including dress forms, partitions and upholstery pins. This event occurred April 2-6.

The committee plans to continue this funding into the next year, with awards for projects in Fall 2018 and Spring 2019.

Submitted on May 3, 2018 by Amy York, Chair

Appendix
CNVC Meeting
Minutes
Academic Year
2017-2018

CAMPUS NON-VIOLENCE COMMITTEE (CNVC) MINUTES

October 20, 2017

Members Present: Amy York, Danny Kelley, Jackie Victory, Jeff Martinez, Marian Wilson, Abbigail Tracy, Diane Turnham, Barbara Scales, Katie Foss, and Sondra Wade

Members Absent: Dennis Walsh, Stephanie Carpenter, Carol Clark, Mary Kaye Anderson, Doug Brinsko, Daniel Green, Maigan Wipfli,

1. Student Government Association \$5,000 funding for events: a) volunteers to work on funding criteria and application; b) Discuss possible SGA legislation to add Tina Stewart's name to this fund.
 - a) Abbigail Tracy, Diane Turnham, and Katie Foss will work on creating criteria for the fund and they will create an application using Student Activity Fees and Distinguished Lecture Fund applications as guides.
 - b) Abbigail will present the legislation adding Tina Stewart's name at the first SGA senate meeting on October 26. If passed, it will become part of the SGA bylaws on November

2. Web site update: Instead of using True Blue site, we can use mtsu.edu/cnvc
 - a) Dan Kelley will work with CSIL's IT specialist in adding all of last meeting's ideas into the "cnvc" web site. He may also use Amy York's expertise in assisting.
 - b) The True Blue web site will still exist, so we will add it to link to the "cnvc" website

3. Hands Across MTSU
 - a) This event will occur on Monday, November 6 at 12:30 p.m. (during class change time)
 - b) Partly in response to white supremacist fliers posted on campus.
 - c) To encourage acceptance of diversity and equality at MTSU, students, faculty, and staff will hold hands across campus from the REC Center to the JUB.
 - d) We need at least 800 participants but are aiming for 1000.
 - e) Tell your peers, coworkers, students, and student groups about this event. Dan Kelley and Jackie Victory will send emails to this committee if they find a specific need for their assistance.
 - f) Athletic plans to announce event at football and basketball games.

4. Refuse to be a Victim (RTBV): 250 packets can be used for training.
 - a) University Police still have the packets. They are looking for an opportunity to hold a workshop on campus.
 - b) This workshop gives students the tools and knowledge on how to stay safe on campus, at home, etc.

- c) Jeff Martinez with University Police has obtained new videos about active shooter situations. He plans to bring to next meeting for us to watch.
- 5) Elect a chair and secretary
 - a) Amy York elected as the committee chair and Abbigail Tracy will take minutes.
- 6) Discuss future meetings: At last meeting, consensus was afternoon meetings work best.
 - a) Once Abbigail, Diane, and Katie have the application and criteria created for non-violence program funding, we will determine next meeting to review.

CAMPUS NON-VIOLENCE COMMITTEE (CNVC) MINUTES

January 26, 2018

1. Web site update: <https://www.mtsu.edu/cnvc>

The website has been updated with the Tina Stewart Campus Nonviolence Fund applications and the committee's annual reports.

2. Tina Stewart Campus Nonviolence Fund: Application due February 9. Identify committee members to review applications and recommend which submissions to award funding.

The subcommittee will be Barbara Scales, Diane Turnham, Abigail Thomson, and 2-3 Student Government Association representatives. Applications will be submitted to CSIL and Dr. Kelley will disseminate them to the sub-group after the deadline has passed.

We discussed how the presentation of the fund to Tina's parents went. They were overwhelmed and grateful that Tina will never be forgotten at MTSU.

To watch the video that Rob Jansen created for the Tina Stewart Campus Nonviolence Fund, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmU8qX7QtwM>. This video is being shown before movies at the STU movie theater and has nearly 6,000 views and 100 shares on Facebook.

3. Hands Across MTSU (recap)

We discussed the success of Hands Across MTSU and brainstormed other ways to increase unity on campus, like having students write "Why I'm True Blue" or "How I've Used My Power of One" on sheets across campus. We discussed sponsoring a photo booth where students could share their experiences of being an active bystander.

4. Title IX Survey

The Title IX Survey will be available Feb. 5 – March 2. Encourage your students to take the survey!

Abigail will speak to the SGA President about senator involvement in encouraging students to take survey.

The group agreed to meet next on February 23 to discuss the selected applications for the Tina Stewart Campus Non-violence fund and to continue brainstorming future activities.

Attendance at the Meeting:

Barbara Scales

Buddy Peaster

Jackie Victory

Maigan Wipfli

Marian Wilson

Daniel Green

Diane Turnham

Abbigail Thomson

Amy York

Campus Non-violence Committee Meeting

February 23, 2018

Agenda

- **Report of the subcommittee selecting applications for the Tina Stewart Campus Nonviolence Fund**

The subcommittee received three applications. Upon recommendation by the subcommittee and approval by the CNVC, the following funds were granted:

4. The Holocaust Studies Program was allotted \$100 to promote the 2018 Biennial Holocaust and Genocide Studies Conference. The conference will host Ms. Niemat Ahmadi, a Darfur survivor and president of Women for Darfur Action. The conference takes place April 19-21.
5. The Center for Educational Media was allotted \$2900 to produce a series of four public service announcements to promote non-violence on campus. These public service announcements will focus on gender-based violence and other forms of power-based violence on campus.
6. Health Promotion was allotted \$2000 to bring the “What Were You Wearing?” art installation to MTSU. This exhibit aims to address the myth that a person’s clothing choices could somehow invite sexual assault. The funds will be used to purchase advertising materials and supplies for the event, including dress forms, partitions and upholstery pins. This event will occur April 2-6.

The award letters were signed by SGA President Courtney Brandon and CNVC Chair Amy York.

We will reach out to MT10 and Andrew Oppmann for media promotion.

Furthermore, we discussed the importance of CNVC members attending these events to show support for campus non-violence.

- **Continue brainstorming future activities such as active bystander testimonies: “Why I’m True Blue” or “How I’ve Used My Power of One”**

Abbigail Tracy will look into possibly having students sign a banner with their testimonies at the #MTBaeWatch Beach Party in August.

In attendance:

Amy York
Carl Ostrowski
Danny Kelley
Abbigail Tracy
Maigan Wipfli

Carol Clark
Mary Kaye Anderson
Katie Foss
Amy Dean
Jeff Martinez
Stephanie Carpenter

Campus Non-violence Committee Meeting

April 20, 2018

In attendance: Amy York, Diane Turnham, Maigan Wipfli, Buddy Peaster, Jeff Martinez, Katie Foss, Carl Ostrowski, Danny Kelley, Barbara Scales, Mary Kaye Anderson

The group discussed possible CNVC activities for Fall 2018. Ideas include:

- Having a table at #MTBaeWatch on August 28 to hand out CNVC buttons and promote Tina Stewart funding.
- We also discussed other Connection Point activities that might be a good fit for CNVC involvement, such as the August 26 Shut Up and Dance event at Tucker Theater, which is expected to have a #MeToo component.
- A mention of the recent student stalker case on campus prompted a discussion about what faculty do and don't know about referring students to campus services.
 - Someone suggested that the CNVC create a Fact Sheet/Contact Sheet of who students can talk to when they have problems or concerns, including a list of confidential contacts.
 - We also discussed how students and faculty often don't understand the administrative process when they make complaints; e.g., what steps are taken when a Title IX complaint is made and why it might seem to take a long time. There are many issues that faculty need more training on, and this committee might help facilitate or promote that.
 - Someone suggested that a member of the committee might respond to "viral" safety issues on the MTSU Parent and Family Facebook page, but it was decided that such responses are best left to more official channels (campus police, Deb Sells, etc.)
- A committee member noted that there are no current workshops on what constitutes a healthy relationship (romantic or friendship). Because of the prevalence of online communication, normal face-to-face interactions may come off as awkward or be misconstrued ("Is he stalking or just trying to be my friend?").

As this is the last committee meeting of the academic year, the chair will submit a year-end report by May 11.