

MTSU CAMPUS NON-VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

2018-2019

YEAR-END REPORT

MEMBERSHIP

Cynthia Allen, Environmental Health Rep.
Mary Kaye Anderson Counselor, Counseling Svc
Carol Clark, Human Resources Rep.
Amy Dean, Sexual Assault Intervention Liaison
Daniel Green, Intercultural Div. Affairs
Danny Kelley Asst VP, Student Affairs
Buddy Peaster, Dir., University Police

Barbara Scales, Director, JACWNS
Lauren Solina, Academic Affairs Rep.
Diane Turnham, Athletics Rep.
Sondra Wade, University Council
Maigan Wipfli, Office of Student Affairs
Marian Wilson Inst. Equity & Compliance

Faculty

Katie Foss, Journalism (on leave, Spring)
Elyce Helford, English (Chair; Secretary, Spring)
Dennis Walsh, Mathematics

Students

Chelsey Curtis, Student
Tatum England, SGA Rep.
Abigail Tracy, SGA Rep. (Secretary, Fall)

MEETINGS

During AY 2018-2019, the Campus Non-violence Committee (CNVC) met twice. First on DATE, when Elyce Helford was elected chair and Abigail Tracy agreed to be secretary for a second year. Ms. Tracy failed to compose the minutes and graduated in Fall 2019. The Meeting Agenda is attached in lieu of minutes. The second meeting was held on 3 April 2019. Minutes attached.

GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Committee's main activity for the year was distributing awards from the **Tina Stewart Campus Nonviolence Fund**, an opportunity for student and staff projects that prevent student violence, educate students on consent and safe dating, publicize campus resources for victims and bystanders, and other related projects. We established a deadline for submission of applications and a subcommittee to review them. We funded four of seven proposals, with the three rejected failing to adhere to the specific mission of the Fund. Letters were sent to all applicants explaining the process and how to handle the funds. A total of \$9700.00 was awarded for the following programming:

June Anderson Center for Nontraditional Students
Program: MEtality Campaign to end gender-based violence on campus
\$3,180 awarded

Somali Student Association
Program: Somali Night Keynote speaker (focused on sexual harassment, rape, and other abuses experienced by Muslim women)

\$1500.00 awarded

MTSU Health Promotion
Program: What Were You Wearing
\$4,120.00 awarded

Alpha Chi Omega
Programs: Healthy Relationship Week, Carnation Bowl (promoted anti domestic violence at football game), and Mr. Alpha Chi (Monies raised go to Rutherford County domestic violence shelter---the funding provided by the committee covered the cost for production services)
\$ 900 awarded

The CNVC plans to continue this work into AY 2019-2020 and beyond.

FUTURE PLANS

At the April meeting, the CNVC discussed two possible plans for the future:

Suicide Prevention Efforts: After a University Police report on reports by students expressing suicidal ideation or plans, the CNVC discussed the importance of this subject as part of anti-violence efforts on campus. Mary Kay Anderson (Counseling) suggested beginning work this summer through a CNVC subcommittee to brainstorm additional initiatives, especially given the limited resources of Counseling Services at MTSU.

Signature Event: During AY 2019-2020, the CNVC will discuss the possibility of an annual event organized by the CNVC to publicize our presence, our goals, and our efforts.

Submitted on 1 May 2019 by Elyce Rae Helford, Chair

CAMPUS NON-VIOLENCE COMMITTEE (CNVC)
September 10, 2018
Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Kelley welcomed committee and everyone introduced themselves.
2. Committee's Purpose: Dr. Kelley read committee's charge and purpose
3. Ongoing committee projects updates: 1) The committee worked with June Anderson Center this past year on creating a PSA regarding sexual assault and violence, which was shown at one of the women's basketball games; 2) The Committee promoted the Don't Be a Victim training and some participated in training this past spring
4. Student Government Association Funding: 1) Dr. Kelley shared with the group that SGA had approved \$10,000 in funding for the 2018-2019 academic year and notices and applications went out over university list serves promoting this opportunity. (Requirements are included in the applications); 2) Application deadline is 9/28/18; 3) The following committee members agreed to meet as a sub-committee and review applications and make selection recommendations to the full committee: Cynthia Allen, Diane Turnham, Lauren Solina, Tatum England, Chelsea Curtis, and Abigail Tracy (sub-committee chair)
5. Elect a chair: Dr. Elyce Helford was elected
6. Discuss future meetings: Once sub-committee meets to select SGA funded projects to support, the next full committee meeting will be scheduled.
7. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Agenda by Danny Kelley; updated 1 May 2019.

Campus Non-violence Committee Meeting
April 3, 2019
Minutes

In attendance: Cynthia Allen, Mary Kay Anderson, Carol Clark, Tatum England, Daniel Green, Elyce Helford (chair), Jeff Martinez, Buddy Peaster, Barbara Scales, Lauren Solina, Marian Wilson, Maigan Wipfli.

Reports

Tina Stewart Nonviolence Fund

Danny reported that the subcommittee received **7 requests**, 4 of which were funded. Those not funded were rejected for failing to meet requirements as listed on the application. Records of all Fund activities will be kept beginning with this first year's activities (Danny will manage this with staff). The deadline for Fall applications will be 9/27/19 (the last Friday in September). We will meet early in the term to constitute the subcommittee for reviewing proposals in 2019-2020.

Police Department

Of greatest relevance to this committee, Buddy informed us that there is an Executive Summary with a blurb on every report taken with a case number sent to all VPs at MTSU; we can contact the relevant VP to get this material forwarded to us for review.

Jeff reported that harassment, intimidation, assault, and stalking are trending down (from 65 cases in 2016 to 36 in 2018). Marian mentioned that dating and sexual violence reporting is up.

Jeff also let us know that suicidal ideation has been reported, significantly as related to the parking garage. Barbara discussed the idea of adding a suicide hotline number to the clip-on packets (that attach to the back of smartphones) given to students at CUSTOMS with the next order. After discussion, we decided to create a **new subcommittee on crisis response and suicide issues, led by Mary Kaye, to begin work this summer. Please email marykaye.anderson@mtsu.edu to join the effort.**

Lauren explained that the Office of Student Success has an alert system that needs staffing.

Carol asked about local area violence. Buddy explained the city PD's "crime-free housing initiative," a three-step process that is costly but reduces crime through security, lighting, locks, etc. MTSU now prohibits any housing projects that are not accredited through this process from advertising on campus.

Announcements

Danny asked committee members to visit the CNVC website (<https://www.mtsu.edu/cnvc/>) and send ideas for enhancement to Danny.Kelley@mtsu.edu by end of term.

September 8 will begin Suicide Awareness Week for AY 2019-2020. **Please email Maigan at maigan.wipfli@mtsu.edu if you would can assist with promoting activities.**

The next Holocaust and Genocide Studies conference will be during Fall 2020, with a theme of Confronting Hate. Elyce will be the liaison for the committee if the CNVC wishes to be involved (tabling, for example). You can also email elyce.helford@mtsu.edu if you would like to work on the conference committee itself. More on this in Spring 2020.

Future Business

Elyce suggested the idea of a CNVC “signature event,” something specific the committee could organize to bring awareness of what we do. We can discuss this at the first meeting in the Fall.

Future Meetings

Elyce apologized for the lack of meetings this AY. For 2019-2020, in consultation with Danny, she suggested the following:

- Early Fall: Establish subcommittees (Tina Stewart Fund, etc.); discuss projects for the year (Suicide Prevention Week, for example).
- Late Fall: Reports on progress. Discussion of Spring events.
- Late Spring: Final reports and suggestions for 2020-2021.

Request

Please send your Fall 2019 schedule to Deborah.Broome@mtsu.edu, who will set up our meetings so all (or nearly all) can attend.

Minutes by Elyce Helford