

# *Minutes*

## *Cornell University Public Safety Advisory Committee*

### *Spring 2013 Meeting*

*April 24, 2013*

**Attendees:** Student Members: Anisha Chopra  
Grad Student Member: Bernadette Guthrie  
Faculty Members: Wolfgang H Sachse  
Employee Member: William Esty

**Also attending:** Kathy Zoner, Mary Beth Grant, Joe Burke, Tim Marchell, Nina Cummings, Kent Hubbell, Lynette Chappell-Williams (via phone), Beverly Van Cleef, Nora Salvatore, Kristen Bochniak, Darren Jackson and Peggy Matta

**Committee Introduction**– Anisha Chopra, Chair of the Committee, opened the meeting with introductions.

- Approval of November 9, 2012 minutes. The minutes were reviewed and approved by the committee.

**Transfer of PSAC Reporting Relationship** – Chief Zoner and Tim Marchell discussed the creation of a President’s Council on Campus Safety and Gender/Sexual Violence. The intent is for the Public Safety Advisory Committee to be part of this committee. However, because PSAC has very specific guidelines as set forth under NYS Law Article 129a, Section 6431, all options will need to be explored because the University must remain compliant with this law. Following up on this intent, PSAC would be disassociated from the University Assembly and once again operate on its own under the administrative direction of the Chief of Police.

**Impact of the SaVE Act on the University** – Peggy Matta, University Clery Administrator and Nora Salvatore, Assistant University Counsel, gave a brief presentation of the compliance requirements that the SaVE Act (amendment to the Clery Act) will have on the University. The law was created on March 7, 2013 and covers student and staff of the institution. It codifies portions of the April 4, 2011 “Dear Colleague Letter” issued by DOE. In summary:

- SaVE adds the following offenses to the list of criminal offenses for which statistics must be reported:
  - Domestic Violence
  - Dating Violence, and
  - Stalking
- Requires new policy statements in the Annual Security Report and description of “programs to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking”
  - The ASR must also describe the rights of victims and institution’s responsibilities regarding:

- Orders of protection
- No Contact orders
- Restraining orders, or
- Similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil or tribal court
- Prescribes institutional procedures to be followed “once an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking has been reported.”
- Requirements for primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees addressing:
  - Institutional prohibition against domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;”
  - Definitions under state law
  - Definitions of consent
  - Options for bystander intervention
  - Information on risk reduction
- Requires institutions to offer ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for students and faculty, which address these issues as well.

SaVE also mandates specific elements of the student conduct process (as well as the employee conduct process) in cases involving alleged domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Finally, SaVE requires that any student or employee who reports to the institution that the student or employee has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking must be provided a written explanation of the rights and options for victims.

The committee discussed the University’s current and planned efforts for addressing the requirements as outlined in the SaVE Act. It was noted that the University had in place several of the compliance requirements well before the law was signed in March 2013, and has or will be addressing the other requirements such as the recently revised Sexual Assault policy 6.4. The President created a Sexual Assault task force that is making significant headway on many of the requirements.

**Spring Semester Updates** – Chief Kathy Zoner gave a brief overview of the activities happening on campus during the spring semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM.