

Office of the President

TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY:

DISCUSSION ITEM

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PRESIDENT’S TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – PHASE II, JULY MILESTONES

In June 2014, President Napolitano issued a call to action for UC to address prevention and response to sexual violence and sexual assault. To ensure UC maintains the highest standards of prevention, response, and reporting, President Napolitano formed the President’s Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault. The Task Force, led by Senior Vice President Vacca and including participation of numerous key constituents from the UC system, including Regents, students, staff, and faculty, began its work in July 2014 and issued its first report (Phase I) in September 2014. During Phase I and II, more than 150 UC representatives have participated, including Regents, students, staff, and faculty to develop eight recommendations.

The President, in her initial charge, expressed the need for a consistent and transparent model that would be implemented throughout all UC locations. Building such a model to address the complexity and diversity of the UC system presented a unique challenge and opportunity for the Task Force. Out of this opportunity came a consensus that all locations would adopt consistent policies, as they address issues of sexual violence and sexual assault in five key functions: responding, reporting, prevention, education, and advocacy.

These five key functions are the foundation for the overarching UC model with its eight recommendations accepted by President Napolitano and reported to the Board of Regents in September 2014. (Eighth recommendation was added in December, 2014.) These eight recommendations are:

Recommendation 1: Establish a consistent “response team” model at all campuses.

Recommendation 2: Adopt systemwide investigation and adjudication standards.

Recommendation 3: Develop a comprehensive training and education plan.

Recommendation 4: Implement a comprehensive communication strategy to educate the community and raise awareness about UC programs.

Recommendation 5: Establish an independent, confidential advocacy office on each campus for addressing sexual violence and sexual assault.

Recommendation 6: Establish a comprehensive systemwide website with campus customization capabilities.

Recommendation 7: Initiate/develop a systemwide standard data collection system.

Recommendation 8: Provide equitable services for respondents.

This presentation highlights the implementation process and the steps taken in regard to Recommendations 2, 3, 7, and 8 for preventing and responding to sexual violence and sexual assault at all UC locations.

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