

Office of the President

TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY:

DISCUSSION ITEM

For Meeting of January 21, 2015

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

In June 2014, President Napolitano issued a call to action for the UC to be the national leader in prevention and response to sexual violence and sexual assault. To ensure that 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, began its work in July and issued its first report (Phase I) in September 2014. During Phase I, more than 100 UC representatives participated, including Regents, students, staff, and faculty to make seven key recommendations. This Report was presented to the Regents in September 2014.

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 and reporting, prevention, education, and advocacy.

These five key functions are the foundation for the overarching UC model with its seven recommendations accepted by President Napolitano and reported to the Board of Regents in September 2014. These seven recommendations were:

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

- January 2015 Implementation

Recommendation 2: Adopt systemwide, standard investigation and adjudication standards

- July 2015 Implementation

Recommendation 3: Develop a comprehensive training and education plan

- July 2015 Implementation

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

- January 2015 Implementation

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

- January 2015 Implementation

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

- January 2015 Implementation

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

- July 2015 Implementation

This presentation highlights the implementation process and the steps taken in regards to the four recommendations for January implementation for preventing and responding to sexual violence and sexual assault at all UC locations.