NDSU ADVISORY BOARD FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS  
December 8, 2014  
Meinecke Board Room  
Meeting Minutes


**Member Absent:** B. Lonbaken, J.A. Miller, G. Lardy, C. Craddock

**Guests Present:**  
Sarah Dodd, Assistant Director for Sexual Assault Prevention Programs

**Meeting called to order:** 5:00 pm

Sarah provided a power point presentation which described the programs, trends, federal legislation and challenges and successes in her role as Assistant Director for Sexual Assault Prevention Programs. Sarah’s last day will be December 12 and so she appreciated the opportunity to reflect upon these questions. Sarah described the Violence Prevention Educators which is a group of peers who volunteer 5-10 hours per week to educate their peers on issues related to sexual assault. She also discussed the Take a Stand Campaign which was a poster campaign, and first-year student education campaign. Other programs described included Take Back the Night, Collaborations with Greek Life and Athletics and the Sexual Assault Resource and Advocacy 24 hour help line.

In terms of trends, Sarah talked about a positive change in the discourse around violence. This change in discourse is leading toward more awareness which she hopes will bring about positive changes. She discussed federal legislation related to Title IX and a White House report on best practices and the fact that NDSU is well ahead of the curve in terms of implementation.

In terms of challenges, Sarah identified that rape myths continue to permeate our culture, frustration that the process for reporting and adjudication is not perfect, and the hope that we can move beyond individual knowledge to the full spectrum of prevention. In terms of successes, students who report sexual assault at NDSU express gratitude that they are believed. She also believes NDSU has set the bar high with our mandatory training and she has developed many quality collaborations.

**Spring Semester Meeting Schedule:** January 26, February 23, March 9 and April 20

**ABSA Meeting program schedule:**
- **January**  
  Residence Life and Dining Services re: Room and Board Rates for 2015-16  
  Facilities Management - Bruce Bollinger, VPF&A; Mike Ellingson, Director of FM
- **February**  
  Athletics - Matt Larsen, Director
- **March**  
  Bismarck Nursing Program
- **April**  
  President Bresciani  
  Brainstorm topics for 2015-16

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Oster-Aaland  
Dean of Enrollment Management