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Action Plan: Sexual Assault Prevention

1. Provide sexual assault prevention information

During the 2021-2022 academic year Southern Arkansas University Tech provided sexual assault prevention education through Student Success courses offered online and in the classroom. Student Success 1, 2 and 3 are required courses for all students at SAU Tech (exceptions include Welding Academy, Nursing, Aviation Maintenance, Cosmetology programs). In Student Success 1, 2 and 3 instructors utilize the resources listed below to make students aware of sexual assault prevention tools.

The Realities of Sexual Assault on Campus

- What is sexual assault?
- Underreporting
- Prevention
- Basic Safety Guidelines
- Assault Prevention in Relationships

Campus Save Act-Sexual Violence Awareness (SafeColleges)

The goal of this course is to educate college and university students on proper identification, response and handling of incidents of sexual violence. This course looks at sexual violence awareness, risk reduction, bystander intervention, what to do when sexual violence has happened, disciplinary proceedings, victim protections and sanctions. At the completion of course a quiz is given.

Bystander Intervention (SafeColleges)

College students may very well witness or be victims of sexual violence. The course focuses on bystander intervention awareness, the bystander effect and intervention strategies. The course will also look at sexual violence awareness, the Bystander Effect, when to step in and bystander intervention strategies.

Know Your IX (Video)

9 things to know about title IX

It's On US (Video)

Video about our responsibility to stop sexual assault

Hamilton College says “No More” (Video)

Students enrolled in the programs that do not take Student Success I are presented educational information about sexual assault through student email. Videos, resource guides and relevant handouts are also utilized.

The offices of Enrollment Services and Student Success also provide counseling services to students and refer students to outside resources as needed. Information regarding these services is found in the SAU Tech student handbook.

2. Integrate sexual assault information into coursework where appropriate.

Currently the Student Success 1, 2 and 3 courses contains the majority of the educational information regarding preventing sexual assault in academic courses. During 2021-2022, Faculty were encouraged to integrate information regarding sexual assault prevention in their courses. This is accomplished through writing assignments, speeches, and incorporate factual information or thoughts about the topic.

3. Raise awareness and provide resources for prevention across all student populations.

SAU Tech’s Programming Committee hosted a Health and Wellness Fair in the month of that included participants and collaboration from the Community. (see list of participants) Some of the booth participants provided information and resources toward preventing sexual assault.

2021 Health and Wellness Fair Booths

Ouachita County Health Unit- family planning and communicable diseases

Hannah Pregnancy Resource Center- assistance of unexpected pregnancies

Cabun Clinic, Hampton, Ar- provided flu shots

Christian Health Center/The Hub/– CHC primary physical, mental, and spiritual to the underinsured. The Hub – Point or resources for those needing resources.

SAU Tech Nursing Students- Blood pressure and health choices

Womens Crisis Center of South Arkansas

SAU Tech Counseling Service- Resource for all services provided by SAU Tech counseling centers

SAU Tech Title IX- Student rights and awareness

ALETA- Assault prevention awareness

A wide range of programming for the residential housing population was conducted in 2021-22, which addressed topics and activities geared toward assisting this group of students with options for healthy and safe choices. These activities included information about preventing unplanned pregnancies, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and suicide prevention..

Posters and brochures related to preventing sexual assault were placed on the campus of Southern Arkansas University Tech in areas that students frequent to be viewed and taken

as needed.

The Campus Police Department and Student Life sent out emails to students and spoke at the Opening Housing Meeting. Campus Police discussed opportunities for students to be escorted to their destination on the campus should they feel unsafe. The Police department also informed students that officers are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day for student assistance should it be needed.

4. Identify private or federal grants to address prevention and student success

SAU Tech was awarded a grant with the Department of Justice – Office of Violence Women – Campus Program Grant. SAU Tech is partnered with SouthArk and SAU with SouthArk being the financial manager of the project. The grant started October 1, 2018 and includes training funds and in the second year some part-time funds for positions. The focus of the project is to educate all incoming students, faculty and staff along with community partners about sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. A coordinated community response team was formed on October 1, 2018 to ensure the work of the grant is completed. While this is not a Title IX grant, it does cross over into the area of Title IX in subject matter. The SAU Tech's community team includes the Camden Police Department and the Women's Crisis Center of Camden. SAU Tech had a year of planning before implementing the project, beginning October 1, 2019.

5. Collaborate with the Dept. of Health and/or Federally qualified health centers to promote access to care.

The Health and Wellness Fair held in the fall semester utilizes local resources to provide information to the students. (Reference Health Fair attendee list). Enrollment Services (advisors and LPC) also provide information about local resources to students on the campus as needed. The advocates on campus provide referral resources to students such as the County Health Unit, Police departments, along with Cabun clinic.

The Rape, abuse, and incest national network (RAINN) organization was promoted during the 2021-2022 year, to provide additional resources for students to utilize. This program offers a national sexual assault hotline that will be advertised at different events throughout the year and through the student success courses on the SAU Tech campus. RAINN also provides assistance for helping sexual assault survivors, educating the public and consulting and training opportunities.

6. Identify other topics relating to prevention and reduction of sexual assault.

Numerous topics relate to the prevention and reduction of sexual assault among our student population. SAU Tech educates students about drug and alcohol use as it relates to decision making, campus and personal safety, and prevention of sexual assault. Students are encouraged in multiple formats to consider resources should sexual assault occur along with services the campus provides to help prevent sexual assault.

NOTE:

In August 2016, SAU Tech formed a Programming Committee whose task was to coordinate education and programming needs of the campus community to ensure that all students are provided information in multiple formats. The Programming Committee consists of faculty, advisors, retention specialist, residential housing, student life, financial aid, and human resources.

The goal of the group is to plan programming and provide resources throughout the year to current students at the personal level, through advising and faculty assignments, and through programming that reaches the entire student body.