

**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
ITEM SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: President Sabah Randhawa by
Vice President Melynda Huskey, Enrollment and Student Services
Vice President Richard Van Den Hul, Business and Financial Affairs

DATE: December 15, 2017

SUBJECT: **Student Right-to-Know and Clery Act**

PURPOSE: Discussion Item

Purpose of Submittal:

Provide the Board of Trustees with information regarding Western Washington University's compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

**Western Washington University
Security and Fire Safety Report Update**

December 2017

Background: In November 1990, the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (referred to as the "Clery Act") was signed into law. As a result, all institutions participating in federal student aid programs are required to:

- Prepare and distribute an annual security and fire safety report covering the last calendar year to all members of the campus community (<http://www.wvu.edu/vpress/annualsafetyreport.shtml>) which sets forth the law enforcement authority of campus police, includes information on where and how crimes should be reported, and discloses three years' worth of crime trends including alcohol and other drug-related statistics, arrests, and disciplinary referrals for the campus, areas immediately adjacent to or running through the campus, and certain non-campus facilities including leased housing and remote classrooms; and
- Provide timely warning to the campus community of crimes which may pose a threat to the safety and/or welfare of students and employees.

In 2017, the Western Alert System, through which timely warnings are conveyed, was utilized on several occasions to send messages to the campus community regarding safety concerns and inclement weather warnings. The system is tested during fall and spring quarters, when the majority of students are on campus.

Security and Fire Safety Report: All information that Western is required to distribute annually to the campus community under state and/or federal mandates is compiled into one publication, the Security and Fire Safety Report. Published each September, the report includes educational materials, key policies and procedures, resources for students and employees, and an annual summary of campus crime and residence hall fire statistics.

- The Clery Act specifies the crimes/violations that are to be published. These are reflected in the 2017-18 Security and Fire Safety Report, on pages 16-19 and include newer categories as required by federal law.

Campus Security Authorities: Staff members who have “significant responsibility for student and campus activities” are required to document any Clery Act-designated crime reported to them for inclusion in Western’s annual campus crime statistics. Western has identified staff members whose positions fall under the Department of Education’s definition of campus security authorities (CSAs). Reports submitted by CSAs are forwarded to University Police for follow-up and verification. A workgroup convened in 2016-17 to revise the list of CSAs and to better enhance CSAs’ training about reporting requirements. We continue to provide training and support for CSAs.

Prevention and outreach efforts

Western has continued its commitment to actively provide outreach and educational programming to the Western community. Prevention and Wellness Services has been providing, and continues to provide, training on bystander intervention to varsity athletic teams, club sports, and to all students via an online tutorial.

Programs to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are provided to the Associated Students Board and Resource and Outreach Programs Coordinators; University Police; Resident Advisors; students studying abroad (during pre-departure); international students; Peer Health Educators and peer advisors from a variety of programs, and Resident Advisors in our residence halls, and through faculty request to a variety of academic classes. In addition, these prevention efforts are being augmented in order to meet the new requirements in the Campus Sexual Assault Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act) provision of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (revised 2014). Information about prevention efforts can be found on pages 7- 8.

During the 2015-16 academic year, all new WWU students were required to participate in the HAVEN violence prevention on-line training; this requirement continued in 2016-17 and is permanent. HAVEN is an interactive training where students have the opportunity to increase skills in creating healthy relationships, explore the importance of consent, and identify the many ways they can help to create a safe campus community. HAVEN also empowers students to be active bystanders by teaching the skills needed to help prevent sexual violence. It gives the information needed to identify risky situations and offers skills to increase safety for themselves, friends and the community. Students also learn about Western’s resources, reporting options and policies regarding sexual violence.

Distribution of report

A link to the report is emailed to each student and employee in September. This email also contains information about the student conduct code (<https://wp.wvu.edu/officeofstudentlife/reporting-a-concern-making-a-complaint/>); information about sexual violence - including resources and reporting options (<https://wp.wvu.edu/sexualviolence/>); and, general safety resources (<http://www.wvu.edu/campus-safety-resources>).