



Improving Resources and Awareness for Sexual Assault at UD

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Abstract

In response to the growing epidemic of sexual assault, this project looked at the current resources that UD offers for those who are affected by sexual assault. In addition to analyzing the resources, our team also compared UD to other college campuses in Ohio. We conducted a survey of 20 UD students and compiled their feedback. Based off of the feedback from the survey in conjunction with the resources offered by other Ohio universities, our team decided to approach this topic as a conversation.

Results

From our research we found that other Ohio schools offer more substantial resources. For example, Ohio State has the Wexner Medical Center which has 24/7 medical care. OSU also provides victims with Sexual Violence Support Coordinators, as well as a Student civility program. Much like the Buckeyes, University of Cincinnati also has "Let's Talk Sessions". Lastly, University of Toledo offers Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Programs. The most impactful thing that UT offers is the Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention, and Adjudication (SAAPA) Task Force. We surveyed 20 UD students in order to gage their knowledge and awareness of sexual assault on UD's campus. The questions asked varied from 'yes or no' to open-ended responses on the topic. One of the most striking results we found was the lack of awareness on campus. The majority of the surveyors had no prior knowledge of the sexual assaults on campus in 2016. We believe that this result, in addition to the open-ended responses of surveyors, emphasizes the lack of transparency that the University offers students on this issue.

Recommendations

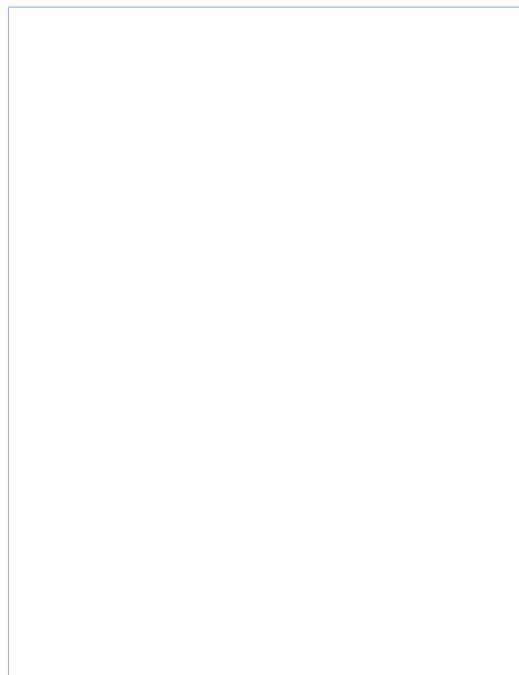
We think it would be very beneficial for UD to partake in something similar to the research done by students at Toledo. By analyzing the statistics on campus and assessing current programs, UD will be able to find areas for improvement for the resources provided. From our survey, we also found that students don't think sexual assault is talked about as much as it should and we encourage awareness of the issue on campus to be improved. We also recommend a student advocacy program for victims because it's important for victims to be surrounded by people that are knowledgeable on the topic, as well as having resources available 24/7.



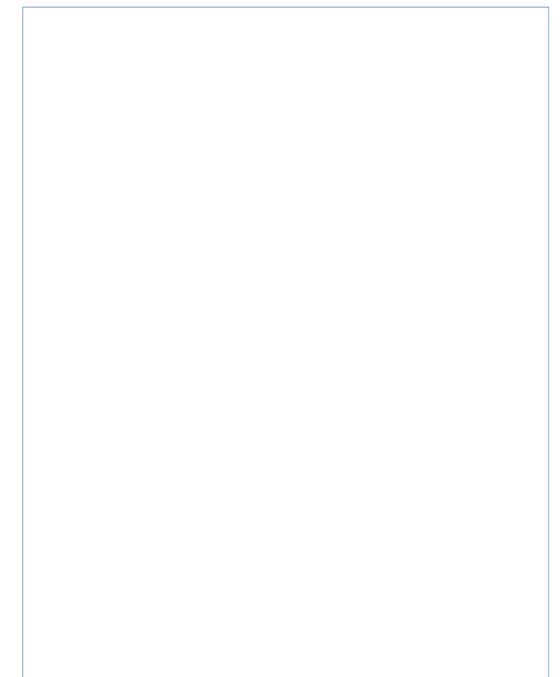
Methods

After learning that UD had 16 reported cases of sexual assault in 2016, we began to look at the resources offered to victims on campus. We then compared UD's resources to other universities like Ohio State, Ohio University, University of Toledo, and University of Cincinnati. We looked at what was offered online by these Universities, as well as how the information was formatted and what wording was used. In addition to our research, we also surveyed 20 UD students and used their feedback to form our recommendations for improvements on campus.

Survey Results



Fact Sheet



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