Date: April 10, 2014, 4:45pm to 6:15pm
Location: Hall of Fame Room

Members Present: Jason Allen, Travis Apgar, Anita Brenner, William George, Mary Beth Grant, Jen Gudaz, Catherine Holmes, Jim Horten, Tim Marchell, Susan Murphy, Dennis Perkins, Alexander Powell, Cameron Pritchett, Laura Santacrose, William Sonnenstuhl, Denise Thompson, Brian Weaver, Erika Whitestone, Brandon Yeh and Kathy Zoner.

Welcome and Introductions: Travis Apgar and Tim Marchell
  • Members attending introduced themselves and Travis reviewed the meeting agenda

Charge of the Council: Travis Apgar and Tim Marchell
  • Reviewed the Charge to the Council on Hazing Prevention

Overview of Hazing: Travis Apgar and Tim Marchell
  • Reviewed the Cornell University Council on Hazing Prevention April 10, 2014 Presentation
    o Literature and research on hazing is sparse
    o The few existing studies on the prevalence of hazing measure hazing by asking if people have experienced behaviors rather than asking if they have been hazed because people often do not recognize their experience as hazing
    o Public Health Approach to Hazing Prevention
      • Prevention, intervention and response
  • Reviewed Hazing at Cornell Website
    o People can report hazing confidentially
    o People can read previous campus violations
    o People can read research and theory about hazing

Cornell’s Approach to Hazing Prevention: Travis Apgar and Tim Marchell
  • Susan Murphy established a Task Force on Hazing in 2001, which created the current policy on hazing added to Cornell’s Code of Conduct
  • The Greek system adopted the “Sunshine Policy”
  • The hazing website was created in 2005
  • Education for all new members in Greek organizations and first year student athletes and staff trainings for RHDs, RAs, coaches, health service etc.
  • In 2011, President Skorton wrote an op-ed piece in the NY Times called A Pledge to End Fraternity Hazing
  • Council on Hazing Prevention created in Spring 2014

Next meeting: TBD, Fall 2014 semester