

**Committee on Student Life (CSL)**

**Thursday, September 16, 2010**

Ashdown House Meeting ~ 6pm -8pm

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FINAL

**Minutes**

**Present:** Dave Kennedy, Barbara Baker, Chris Colombo, Danielle Guichard Ashbrook, Ayida Mthembu, Kate McCarthy, Al Pierce, Terry Orlando, Ann Orlando, Jiangian Wang, Leon Dimas, Brian Pearson, Mihai Diaconeasa

**Guests:** Kate McCarthy, Program Director, Violence Prevention and Response  
Captain Al Pierce, MIT Police  
Dave Kennedy, Office of Student Citizenship

Final Minutes will be voted on

Many MIT staff were there, about 6-8 students attended and were happy they did they said afterwards.

**Item 1: Domestic Violence**

Alex Slocum started off with what the meeting is about. We are all here for students and want to get the word out to have better personal relationships. Alex handed discussion over to Kate McCarthy, Program Director, Violence Prevention and Response.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Kate McCarthy**

Program Director, Violence Prevention and Response

**FACTS:**

Intimate Partner Violence

4-8 million Women

2-3 million Men

1510 Deaths in 2005

Lost productivity \$8-3 billion

If you think someone is being abused suggest they

- a) Look at the website <http://mit.edu/wecanhelp>
- b) See Kate McCarthy or Mary Rowe

Other contacts:

MIT Police 3-1212 or 100

MIT Medical 3-1311

Mental Health 3-2916

Dean on Call via police

**What is Intimate Partner Violence (IPV):**

the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another. It is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background. It is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior. IPV results in physical injury, psychological trauma, and sometimes death. The consequences of IPV can cross generations and truly last a lifetime.

**There are four types of IPV:**

1. Physical violence
2. Sexual violence
3. Threat of physical or sexual violence
4. Emotional abuse: Emotional abuse is often the beginning of an unhealthy and potentially abusive relationship.

**What does IPV look like?**

Hitting, slapping, smacking

Threats

Being blamed for things that go wrong

Isolation

One partner controls money

Prevents you from school or work

Acts jealous or possessive – partner often being accused of cheating

Calls you names or puts you down

Can't get anything right when it comes to the relationship

**What happens to people being abused?**

Emotional damage

Missing school or work

Unable to complete tasks

Suffer physical injuries

Low self esteem

Untrusting and difficulty with outside relationships

More likely to have eating disorders & depression

More likely to consider suicide

More likely to smoke, abuse alcohol, use drugs and engage in risky sexual behavior

**If you think someone is being abused:**

- Respect confidentiality
- Talk to her/him
- Don't judge
- Tell them the abuse is not their fault
- Promote access to resources on and off campus
- Encourage that she/he develop a safety plan in case of an emergency
- Be supportive
- Respect her/his ability to do what's best for her/him at the time
- Help plan for future safety

## Resources on campus:

### 24-hour Emergency Care

MIT Police: 100 (campus phone) or 3-1212

MIT Medical 3-1311

Mental Health on-call 3-2916

Dean on Call (reach through Police) 3-1212

Violence Prevention & Response 3-4420 (this is not a 24 hour service) <http://mit.edu/wecanhelp>

advocacy and support for survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence & stalking. If you are interested in having a program about healthy/unhealthy relationships, stalking, intimate partner violence or sexual assault, please contact the Violence Prevention & Response program at [vpradvocate@med.mit.edu](mailto:vpradvocate@med.mit.edu)

### Resources off campus:

- Safelink (877)785-2020
- Elizabeth Stone House (617) 522-3417
- Casa Myrna Vasquez (877) 785-2020
- ATASK (Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence) (617) 338-235
- Haven (@ Mass General Hospital) (617) 724-0054

### Captain Al Pierce

MIT Police

Chapter 209 Section A: Police are mandated to arrest if indications of domestic violence. Went through legal issues and how restraining orders work and how serious the offense is.

### Dave Kennedy, Director, Office of Student Citizenship

Spoke of the department. Named partners.

Staff to Committee on Discipline

It should not happen

If it does, talk with Dave

Dave will not act without ok of the person who comes to him

COD is a parallel system to the legal system

Escalation – every case he saw, it was not 1<sup>st</sup> time it happened.

He went out to bring on to campus expertise on Training, sexual assault.

**! Freshman this year took on-line training program (this is the first year of training)**

**Next step is to get grad students to do it**

**Training is tailored to group.**