AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Board Policy Manual Update: Campus Violence

2. INITIATED BY: Trustee Marjorie Murray Medd

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

As noted in the August 18, 2014 Agenda Item Summary pertaining to an update to the Title IX Sexual Assault Policy, the Violence against Women Act (VAWA), which included the Campus SaVE act, was renewed last year. This called for the review of many of our policies and practices related to sexual assault, and as added more recently, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking. The background summary denoted these changes would “involve a possible update of the Campus Violence policy, and will include revisions to the EO complaint procedures.”

The updated Board Sexual Harassment policy reflects definitions, scope and procedures encompassing the new legal requirements, demonstrates the University’s commitment and outlines at a high level the University’s intended approach and practices. The legal updates and decisions captured in the content and flavor of the new policy informed our review of two Board policies – General Equal Opportunity and Campus Violence.

The General Equal Opportunity Policy was determined to already fully align with the legal updates. The Board policy on Campus Violence has been updated to encompass just campus violence, shift and update domestic violence components to within the new Sexual Harassment Policy, denote that threats in addition to incidents of violence are now expected to be reported as well, note that policy will cover campus violence at all university facilities, events and activities, and discontinue campuses from using any separate domestic violence policies they may have adopted. This request is to secure approval for the new policy.

For information purposes, the following non-Board policies and/or procedures were reviewed and updated in conjunction. The updated Equal Opportunity Complaint Procedure was supported by Union representatives. The Guidance for Consenting Relationships was updated to refer to the new Sexual Harassment policy.
5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

That the joint Committees of Human Resources & Labor Relations and Academic & Student Affairs forwards this item to the Consent Agenda at the November 16, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting for approval of the following resolution: That the Board of Trustees approves the revised Campus Violence Policy as presented.

Attachment: Updated Campus Violence Policy (track changes view)

October 28, 2014