

# Final Report for 2023-2024 Academic Year

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## Meeting date(s):

- September 8, 2023 (Chairs)
- October 25, 2023
- December 6, 2023
- February 22, 2024
- A large number of working sessions for the website were held in the spring as well as gathering of documents and interviews with the external consultants. These took the place of our normal meetings.

**Outgoing members:** Laura Merrell, Gracie Wingfield, Lexi Burns, Gray McDevitt – in addition, members were originally signed on for a two year commitment which has no ended. We will need to determine if we want to ask members to return or start anew with members.

**Recommendations:** Finalize contract to bring two outside consultants to campus to analyze everything we already know and the data we have collected and provide recommendations. Publish comprehensive website of resources and connections for survivors to utilize as well as for all students to access to answer questions and concerns proactively. Develop a long-term plan to address the issue and culture of sexual violence at JMU. Work collaboratively with the Alcohol Culture and Health and Well-Being committees as well as the new Student Affairs Health Promotion area to partner in our work.

**Summary for 2023-2024:** The President’s Coalition to End Sexual Violence has been working since 2022 to engage in policy reform, survivor empowerment, and campus-wide education and training to end the culture of sexual violence at JMU. One of our goals has been to create a clearinghouse website to provide clear, easily accessible information for students regarding sexual violence and the varied sources of support that exist in our community. Coalition members developed a draft site, based on current research recommendations and drawing on the expertise of JMU faculty, staff, and policies of multiple relevant campus offices. A subcommittee then met with undergraduate and graduate students across campus in multiple settings to receive feedback on the draft site. Working with Student Affairs Communications and Marketing, the site is now live ([linked here](#)) and maintained within Student Affairs.

**2024-2025 Meetings:** We will plan to meet on a monthly basis again this year and will develop specific working groups to tackle short-term issues and concerns that will end once the issue is handled and then we will create groups for the next round of issues. Much of the work of the initial three committees will be complete so we will need to shift to a new model that we have seen work in other committees at JMU. Our work will be based on the recommendations provided by our

external consultants. Their report will also be included with this report. Our first meeting to discuss this report will be August 13, 2024.