



January 5, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Central Washington University is at a unique moment in its history with an aspirational Vision statement to be a model learning organization of equity and belonging. As part of living into the Vision, our courageous students have called for us to evaluate and revise our Title IX, Sexual Harassment, and Discrimination policies and practices so that they are equity-based on trauma-informed.

As noted in my November 10, 2022, email to the university community, we are convening a committee to evaluate the systems and structures that govern and influence policies, procedures, and practices at the university in order to implement changes necessary to take our living, learning, and working environment to the next level.

This shared governance committee that includes students, faculty, staff, and administrators will convene over the course of the winter and spring quarters to learn more about best practices and research on gender-based violence prevention. Ultimately, they will make recommendations to the Executive Leadership Team about specific changes that could be made to elevate the equity-minded and trauma-informed prevention and handling of gender-based violence and to increase the sense of physical and psychological safety on campus.

The composition of the committee, the charge, and the offices that will be involved in the conversation can be found on a new website created to track this work, [CWU Safe](#). On this page, we will include resources for the committee's use, track their progress, and provide updates. One important resource that will be provided is a list of suggestions that we have been working on with students, including the leadership of Cats Against Assault.

We hope that you will provide feedback and suggestions as this work unfolds. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. James Wohlpart'.

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