## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US ARMY CADET COMMAND (USACC) AND UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, MAYAGUEZ

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Prevention Partnership Charter

## 1. References:

- a. Memorandum, President of The United States, 22 January 2014, Establishing a White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.
- b. Report, The White House Council on Women and Girls and the office of the Vice President, January 2014, Rape and Sexual Assault: a Renewed Call to Action.
- c. Letter, Department of Education, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, April 4, 2011, Sexual Violence.
- 2. Purpose: To establish an ongoing partnership between the United States Army and partnered universities to battle the present epidemic of sexual assault that has similarly plagued colleges, universities and the Army. The partnership will leverage institutional knowledge and instructional practices to develop strategies to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault.
- 3. Mission: The Partnership will be organized to conduct monthly meetings that will discuss the following:
- a. The university's and the Army's education on sexual harassment and sexual assault prevention initiatives to include sharing educational strategies, lesson plans, teaching vignettes and technology apps.
- b. Share the university's and Army's sexual harassment and assault reporting procedures. Share lessons learned about reporting procedures; intent is to identify best practices that lead to improved victim advocacy.
- c. Determine what available Victim Advocacy and Supportive Services are offered to those who have been assaulted. Share the Army's Sexual Harassment / Assault Response and Prevention Program (SHARP), to include outlining 24/7 sexual assault hotline capabilities and local "support" programs.
- d. Share policies and procedures that identify sexual assault risk indicators, environmental contributing factors, tracking mechanism for alleged perpetrators/sexual predators, and offender accountability factors. Methods used to track adverse administrative and/or punitive actions. Coordinate and synchronize to ensure accurate and comprehensive information is available for decision makers and policy makers.



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- e. Establish the current way partners assess their respective sexual assault prevention programs effectiveness. Communicate best practices that are indentified from this partnership.
- 4. Scope: This charter will not dictate how personnel will be educated. The intent is to share information as partners while we combat the epidemic of sexual assault.
- 5. Membership: The Partnership Council will be comprised of, but not limited to, a designee of the University President such as a Professor or Dean, the Professor of Military Science, a Wellness Center/Rape Crisis Center professional, and student leadership. Membership responsibilities for the Partnership Council are as listed.
- a. The Professor of Military Science in coordination with the University President will schedule the council meetings and provide an executive summary of the meeting to the members of the council.
  - b. The University will designate an appropriate meeting location for council meetings.
- c. Council meetings will be held monthly. Council members will attend all meetings or send a representative. Attendance at Council meetings will be recorded.
- 6. Goal: The goal is for a strong, ready, and resilient partnership where we collectively address the issues of sexual harassment and sexual assault.
- 7. This Charter is effective once signed and will remain in effect unless revoked or rescinded by either party.

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