

## **GTAAN Meeting Notes, “Tech Ends Suicide Together”**

**Student Center Peachtree Rm. • 11:30 am – 1:00 pm • March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **❖ Welcome & Introductions**, Wes Kirkbride, GTAAN President

- Introduction of 1<sup>st</sup> time GTAAN attendees
- Overview of GTAAN Exec Board; contact information available on website
- Remaining Spring 2017 Dates for the academic year - April 19<sup>th</sup> last meeting regarding FASET & Happy Hour April 27<sup>th</sup> at Cyprus Street Bar

### **❖ Announcements**, GTAAN, IP, & Leadership Studies

- Nominations are currently open for GTAAN voting will close April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Wes Kirkbride.
- GTAAN Best Practices registration is currently open and we encourage you to attend and present. Proposals are open until April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- International Plan courses Summer & Fall sent to advisors and a new copy will be sent again.
- Beth Spencer – Midterm Progress Report wrap-up will be coming; Also the Advising website will be updated and seeking input from departments, so stay tuned.
- Leadership Coaches are needed – [leadership.gatech.edu](http://leadership.gatech.edu); Application deadline is tomorrow so consider doing it.

### **❖ Minor in Global Engineering Leadership Studies**, *Dr. Adjo Amekudzi-Kennedy*

- 15 credits with experiential and seminar series and targeting engineering students
- New Global Engineering Leadership Minor aims to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century global engineering leaders.
- GELM students also receive the Grand Challenges designation
- Foundations Course (PUBP 4140), Engineering Leadership Course (CEE 4000), Grand Challenge Course Options, Global Engineering Practicum (Internship, research, or service learning abroad), Seminar Speaker Series.
- In one course students will travel, and the Leadership Education & Development office does offer travel support.
- Currently 24 students enrolled in the minor

- <http://www.ce.gatech.edu/academics/undergraduate/leadership-minor>

❖ Tech Ends Suicide Together (TEST), *Dr. Lacy Currie*

- GT Implemented a Zero Suicide Initiative at Georgia Tech and here to share the initiative and programming at Georgia Tech for those who may not know services and opportunities.
- Initiative started in August – closely modeled around Zero Suicide movement
  - i. Strong leadership team at Tech supports this model and intentional in putting both survivors and advocates on the team for both perspectives
  - ii. International movement in 2015 with mental health professionals from 15 countries. An international meeting in Atlanta led to developing healthcare interventions with all medical professionals.
  - iii. Heart of the initiative was that everyone has to be a “healthcare provider” so we thought why not on a college campus and take on a role of education and assistance. Campus can be our eyes and ears since students are less inclined to reach out to the Counseling Center.
  - iv. Two main takeaways: We all play a role in preventing suicide; Zero piece is important, but we moved away from a defined number, but we’re aiming for zero. It’s both a concept and a practice
- Core Components of Zero Suicide, as translated to campus
  - i. Lead, Train, Improve, Transition, Identify, Engage, Treat
  - ii. Visit <http://endsuicide.gatech.edu/> to learn more and understand that it’s for all members of the campus community, not just for students.
  - iii. Levels of Prevention – **Primary**: reducing risk factors, education, and increasing protective factors; **Secondary**: Immediate responses after attempted or complete suicide attempts to address short-term impact and effects; **Tertiary** – long term responses
- Leadership Team
  - i. From all departments, student groups, faculty, and programs. Utilizing our pockets of people to help move this forward.
  - ii. Made sure that we had support from the President, included this in his Institute Address; In addition, First Lady Val Peterson has become the Lead Ambassador and continues to support and invest personally in this initiative.

- iii. Monthly QPR trainings offered on-campus starting this past Fall 2016. Encouraging all to attend if you haven't yet and they are bimonthly.
- o How can you get involved?
  - i. Attend a QPR training – April 4<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> remaining for the Spring term. Summer dates will be posted soon.
  - ii. Become a QPR trainer if you're interested in helping us reach the entire campus. Will be a summer, 1-day (8 hours) training for those interested. While it will be free for the training and we'll ask for trainees to then commit to providing two trainings during the academic year. It does cost \$500 to train each trainee, so if departments want to donate the \$500 training fee back to the Counseling Center that is helpful and can be an investment, but it's not obligatory.
  - iii. A new informational video will be filmed and you can help by making a guest appearance.

❖ **Wrap-up**, Wes Kirkbride

- o Kahoot! Game
- o Survey Monkey will be sent for attendees to give GTAAN feedback – check email tomorrow.
- o Next meeting – April 19<sup>th</sup> *Suicide Prevention @ GT*