Unblurred lines
getting clear on
#consent
Why are we here?
1 in 16 (6.1%) of male students are victims\textsuperscript{1}

1 in 5 (20%) of female students are victims \textsuperscript{2}

35 per 1000 female students in any given academic year\textsuperscript{3}

\textsuperscript{1}The Campus Sexual Assault Study: Final Report (National Institute of Justice, 2007)

\textsuperscript{2}The Campus Sexual Assault Study: Final Report (National Institute of Justice, 2007)

\textsuperscript{3}The National College Women Sexual Victimization Study (Dept. of Justice, 2000)
If 35 out of 1000 female students are assaulted annually, how many Lutes would that be?
Sexual Misconduct

“Any unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature that is committed without consent and/or by force, intimidation, coercion, or manipulation”

Includes non-consensual sexual intercourse and/or contact, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, and sexual intimidation.

- PLU Student Code of Conduct
Health & Counseling Centers*

Victim Advocacy in the Women’s Center*

Campus Ministry*

Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Campus Safety

*Confidential
“Permission explicitly granted by an individual who is physically and mentally capable of providing it.”

- PLU Student Code of Conduct
What does *enthusiastic* consent look like?
Verbal Signals of Consent

Oh yeah!
Definitely!
Woo Hoo!
Can you please do...

Don’t stop!
I love this!
This feels right
That feels good

I want to keep doing this

*Courtesy Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP)*
Verbal Signals of Non-Consent

Umm... I don't know...

Maybe... I thought I wanted to, but...
That hurts
This feels wrong
NO.

*Silence*

*Courtesy Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP)*
Group Agreements

Respect for all ideas and questions
Sensitivity to others’ feelings and experiences
The right to pass or step out
Got Consent?

Jesse and Jordan have been dating for a few months and have only made out up to this point in their relationship. Jordan is unsure about having sex at this point. One night Jesse and Jordan are making out. Jesse wants to have sex, but doesn’t know how to ask if Jordan is ready.

- Consent doesn’t have to be awkward. Think back to the verbal signals of consent shown previously
- The status of the relationship does not affect consent; whether you’re hooking up to being married, consent must be present
- Consent for one act is not consent for all acts
- According to PLU policy, consent must be explicit

Yes!  No.  Maybe?
Quinn starts dancing near Riley... and would like to get closer. Riley turns towards Quinn and is smiling while continuing to dance.

- Consent does not only apply to sex
- Consent doesn’t only happen in the bedroom
- Consent is about respecting people’s boundaries and personal space
- Consent can possibly be non-verbal. Non-verbal signals are not explicit though. These signals require a “check in” point to make sure both parties are comfortable.
Possible Non-Verbal Signals of Consent

- Nodding yes
- Kisses back
- Laughter and smiling
- Grabs condom/dental dam
- Pulling someone closer
- An active body
- Sounds of enjoyment

*Courtesy Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP)*
Possible Non-Verbal Signals of Non-Consent

Turns away
Shaking head no
Avoiding touch
“Just lying there”
Frowning
Quiet
*Silence*

*Courtesy Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP)*
Alex and Casey move to the bedroom, Alex is stumbling and slurring words.

Got Consent?

Yes! No. Maybe?
“The use of alcohol or drugs can prevent an individual from giving valid consent, even if the person appears to agree to sexual activity in the moment.”

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What do you like?

What don't you want?

How do YOU ask for it?
A partner touching me affectionately in public

Touching a partner affectionately without asking first
A partner touching me affectionately in public

“I love when you put your arm around me when we walk around campus”

Touching a partner affectionately without asking first

“When are you comfortable with me holding your hand?”
Consent + Time

**Two Month Relationship**

[ ] Directing or deciding for a partner in some way with sex

**Three Year Relationship**

[ ] Directing or deciding for a partner in some way with sex
Recap

- Consent should look and sound **ENTHUSIASTIC**!
- Consent can be both verbal and nonverbal. Nonverbal signals aren’t always explicit so remember… **When in doubt… Check in!**
- Consent cannot be given by someone who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs (**it’s PLU policy!**)
- Consent looks different depending on context!
- Consent is mutual...Learn what you and your partner like (and don't like) and don’t hesitate to talk about it.
S.A.P.E.T
Sexuality Awareness and Personal Empowerment Team

Serve members of your campus and community

Become an activist for gender equity

Educate others about important topics

Engage in meaningful, personally-fulfilling work

Gain important skills for your resume

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Community Resources

- **Scarleteen**
  - Inclusive, comprehensive, and smart sexuality information and help for teens and 20’s
  - www.scarleteen.com

- **Babeland**
  - http://www.babeland.com/