### Don't Let Your Pull Push You Off The Rails

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### OAC's Mission

The Office of Accountability and Compliance is committed to fostering a transparent culture within which members of the University community are encouraged, and feel supported, in seeking guidance and assistance, to promote accountability and address compliance concerns.

### OAC's Messaging:

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# Have a (Compliance) Plan?

- Seven Elements of a Compliance Program
  - Standards of Conduct
    - Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct
    - Policies and Procedures
  - Compliance Officer/Committee
  - Education and Training
  - Monitoring and Auditing
  - Reporting and Investigation
  - Enforcement
    - Discipline
    - Incentives
  - Response and Prevention

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### Have a (Communication) Plan!

- Communicating Compliance
  - Standards of Conduct
    - Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct
    - Policies and Procedures
  - Education
  - Reporting
  - Enforcement
    - Discipline
    - Incentives
  - Prevention

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### **Communication Plan Elements**

- Communication Plan
  - Goals & Objectives
  - Audience
  - Key Messages
  - Clarify
  - Communication Mode
  - Tools & Resources
  - Implementation Plan (with Timeline)
  - Feedback
  - Evaluation

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### **Planning Communication**

- Goals & Objectives
  - What are your compliance priorities?
    - Ongoing informational campaigns
    - Annual compliance training initiatives
    - Changes in regulations or requirements
  - What are your outcomes?
    - · Community awareness
    - Training completion
    - Transition processes or behaviors to new standards

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- Goals & Objectives
  - Two Way Communication Influence
    - Positive
      - Address Community Needs
      - Respond to Community Interests
    - Negative
      - Changeable
      - Priorities set by audience
      - Reactionary

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### **Planning Communication**

Goals & Objectives



#### Seeking the Multiplier Effect:

- Who are the groups/units that share your goals and objectives?
- · How can you collaborate?

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- Audience
  - Administration / Staff
    - Finance/Accounting Requirements
    - · Clery Reporting
    - Lobbying/Political Activities
  - Faculty
    - FERPA
    - Grants
  - Students
    - Academic Integrity
    - Right to Know
  - All of the Above
    - · Non-Discrimination
    - Anti-Harassment

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### **Planning Communication**

Audience





#### Seeking the Multiplier Effect:

- · Where are your audiences?
- Who else is targeting them?
- Who is reaching them?

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- Key Messages
  - Messages from Your Compliance Program
    - Standards of Conduct
    - Reporting
    - Education/Training Requirements
- Clarify
  - Key Messages Tailored to Audience(s)
    - Education/Training Requirements
      - Staff EHS training
      - Faculty FERPA training
      - Students Academic Integrity

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### **Planning Communication**

- Key Messages
  - Two Way Communication Influence
    - Positive
      - Add Specificity or Clarity
      - Connect Communication to Current Climate
    - Negative
      - Disjointed or Isolated Messages
      - Inconsistent or Conflicting Messaging

• Key Messages & Clarifications



#### Seeking the Multiplier Effect:

- What groups are sending similar messages?
- What groups are sending conflicting messages?
- How do you coordinate, ensure consistency?

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### **Planning Communication**

- Communication Mode
  - Print
  - Social Media
  - Electronic
  - Videos
  - Podcasts
- Communication Tools & Resources
  - Campus Newsletters
  - Twitter/Facebook/Instagram
  - Audience-specific E-mails/E-boards/E-newsletters
  - YouTube/Website
  - Communications Department

- Communication Mode
  - Two Way Communication Influence
    - Positive
      - Find Your Audience
      - Identify New Channels
    - Negative
      - Inappropriate Communication for Channels
      - Chasing Trends
      - Unprofessional or Inconsistency

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### **Planning Communication**

Communication Mode & Tools

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#### **UMB Core Values**

Diversity: #UMBDiversity. ©
Leadership: #UMBLeadership ©
Knowledge: #UMBKnowledge ©
Excellence: #UMBExcellence ©
Collaboration: #UMBCollaboration ©
Clivility: #UMBChility ©
Accountability: #UMBAccountability:

#### Seeking the Multiplier Effect:

- What tools and resources do potential partner have?
- · Can they share/promote your messages?
- Will you share/promote theirs?

- Implementation
  - Planning/Research
  - Approvals
  - Expertise
  - Budget
- Timeline
  - Annual, Quarterly, Academic Semester
  - Length of Campaign
  - Refresh Cycle

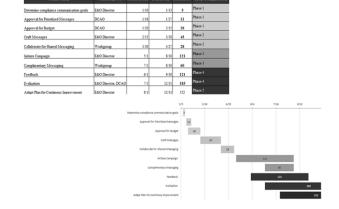
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### **Planning Communication**

- Implementation
  - Two-Way Communication Influence
    - Positive
      - Promotes Comprehensive Planning
      - Identify Message Saturation
      - Feedback on Message Staleness
    - Negative
      - Campaign Length Insufficient
      - Overestimate Needs

• Implementation & Timeline



#### Seeking the Multiplier Effect:

- · Engage potential partners
- · Coordinate timelines of campaigns
- Share resources and expertise

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### **Planning Communication**

- Feedback
  - Organic
  - Formal
    - Surveys / Questionnaires
    - Comment Sections
    - Focus Groups
- Evaluation
  - Actions/Reactions
    - Feedback
  - Analytics
    - · Social media
    - · Reporting mechanisms (hotline)
    - · Inquiry mechanisms

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- Feedback & Evaluations
  - Two Way Communication Influence
    - Positive
      - Adjust & Refine Communications
      - Responsive Communications
      - New, Fresh Ideas
    - Negative
      - Squeaky Wheel Syndrome
      - Reactive or Panicked Response

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### **Planning Communication**

Feedback & Evaluation



#### Seeking the Multiplier Effect:

- Share your feedback
- Learn what partners are hearing
- Provide evaluation information for successes
- Provide evaluation information for fails!

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### Running off the Rails

- Reactive to Two-Way Communication
  - Feedback
    - End campaigns
    - Ad hoc crises communications
  - Evaluations
    - · Stop messaging
    - Over-message
  - Collaboration Requests
    - Defer compliance campaigns
    - Push campaigns onto partners

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### Running off the Rails

- Extreme Reactions to Feedback
  - Full Stop
  - Ad Hoc Communications
    - Frenetic
    - Conflicting
    - Untruthful
    - Damaging
  - Constant Pivoting
    - No consistency
    - No reliability

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### Running off the Rails

- Effects
  - Loss of Authority / Reputation
  - Loss of Trust
  - Confusion
  - Decreased Two-Way Communication
  - Disengagement
  - Seek External Authority / Assistance

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### Adapting

- Responsive to Two-Way Communication
  - Feedback
    - Revise communication mode/frequency
    - Refresh/Update campaigns
  - Evaluations
    - Change messaging channels
  - Collaboration Requests
    - · Create coordinated messaging
    - · Scheduling for effect

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### Any Questions?



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### Remember OAC's Mission?

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How about its Mission Messaging?

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