Green Dot at UNLV—how can faculty get involved?

So, what is Green Dot?

Green Dot is both a reactive, immediate path to reduction of interpersonal violence and a proactive, research-informed approach toward culture change.

Imagine a map of UNLV. On that map are red dots, each representing a single choice to hurt someone. A red dot can be: a student hitting their partner in the library, making sexual advances on another despite their rejection at a campus event, or even sending someone threatening text messages while hanging out with their friends. Acts of violence are like red dots covering that map, much like an epidemic spreading out of control if not stopped. However, green dots can displace those red dots. A green dot is a single choice to intervene to stop a red dot. A green dot can be: a student alerting security about that couple in the library, diverting the attention of that person at the campus event to something else, or voicing their opposition to their friend’s threatening behavior. Through your words, choices, and actions you can add green dots to that map, stop violence, and be part of the solution.

If each of us adds 1 or 2 or 5 or 100 green dots – we will end the perpetration of violence at UNLV – one green dot at a time.

Green Dot is an anti-violence program, which asks students to be more involved in the lives of their fellow students, by intervening when a violent incident could occur. The Green Dot training teaches students how to intervene safely, and also, how everyone can help change our campus culture to one that does not tolerate violence.

What are we asking for from faculty?

Green Dot is publicly launching this program January 23-30, 2016. As part of the launch, we are asking faculty to include a Green Dot proactive statement in their Spring semester syllabi.

To make it easier for you to join in the culture change that Green Dot is encouraging, we provided a Faculty Toolkit to you, previous to today’s Faculty Senate meeting, on the Faculty Senate website. In it you will find items to include in your syllabi such as:

- Green Dot supportive statements
- Encouragement for students to attend Green Dot Training
- Quotes that show you do not tolerate violence, and you believe everyone should help make UNLV safer.

You’ll also find ways to provide your students with multiple exposures to Green Dot such as:

- Paper Topics
- Quotes to include in PowerPoints slides
- Bystander Tips for PowerPoint slides
- Bystander Stories for PowerPoint Slides
- Extra Credit Assignments
- And more!
If you cannot access the Faculty Toolkit, or if you have questions, please email us at UNLVGreenDot@unlv.edu and we will send one to you, or answer any questions you may have.

What if we, as faculty, want to do more?

If you want more involvement with Green Dot, we would love to give you opportunities!

- We are always looking to train students who are opinion leaders. You could identify student opinion leaders and send their names and contact information to us at UNLVGreenDot@unlv.edu.
- You could invite us to present an overview speech to your class or department. We can do presentations of any length between 15 minutes and an hour-and-a-half. Email us your request at UNLVGreenDot@unlv.edu.
- If you are an advisor of a student group, you could arrange a full six-hour training for your entire student group. Email us for more details!

The success of Green Dot at UNLV depends on faculty, students, and staff adopting two new norms:

- Violence is not tolerated at UNLV.
- Everyone must do their part to end violence here at UNLV.

Please help us change the culture around the issue of interpersonal violence here at UNLV by including a Green Dot message on your Spring semester syllabi. Thank you!