University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes
2/11/14

Present: Deirdre Dalsing, Marc Wruble, Tim Swenson, Kathryn Peck, Paula Schoenberg, Danny Wahl, Molly Theleman, Pat Foster, Lakisha Clinton, and Vickie Dreessens

Meeting called to order by Marc at 8:08am. We welcome Danny Wahl, who is a liaison to Students Promoting Respect, Kathryn Peck from Residence Life who will be filling in for Robin Gore this semester, and Paula Schoenberg who represents Family Advocates.

Tim motioned to accept 1/28/14 minutes; seconded by Kathryn, motion carried.

Deirdre shared that she has been working on poster for Video Contest. As discussed at last meeting we are using the same poster from last year and just updating with dates and other information. With premier set for 4/29 group agreed that video’s would need to be submitted by 3/31/14 with all corresponding paperwork.

Deirdre reported that John Sagehorn agreed to assist us in using Pioneerlink again for the project and that Russ Hill offered that students can check-out equipment through Media Services.

Deirdre shared the remainder of the calendar set for April with Marc’s technology presentation set for 4/7/14, the event with Southwest Health Center and the SANE program on 4/22/14 and two self-defense presentations on 4/3 and 4/15. Tim reported he is still trying to secure space in the PAC for the noon classes. Group agreed we would like to see at least one event each week and so far our calendar is shaping up like that.

Lakisha shared with group her effort to organize OneBillionRising for 2/14/14 on campus. Event will be held in the Nohr Gallery from 4-6pm. She has administrators and students speaking. Woman’s Council and Student Senate are collaborating for the event.

Lakisha shared that she is still trying to plan a 5K walk/run for April. She originally considered 4/19 until group shared with her that was Easter break weekend.

Kathryn agreed to check with Residence Hall Association to see if they are planning events for April. Several members of the group talked about the Boxes and Walls event and the information about sexual violence toward women. Vickie asked Kathryn to check and see whether that would be available for the event on 4/22 as there will be space for booths. Paula verified they are going to be at a booth as well, except Darlene Masters will be filling in for Paula.

Paula shared that Family Advocates is hosting a dinner and silent auction on 4/12/14 at Reds Supper Club on the course, here in Platteville. She will share the specific information with Vickie and Deirdre for anyone interested in getting tickets for the event.

SPR is just getting activated for the semester, trying to coordinate new members and plan events, so Danny agreed to take back several ideas talked about at meeting and will inform us of any events they are planning on their own.
Deirdre reminded all other group members that if other departments or programs are creating programs for April, it would be good to post all of them on one poster.

Marc had previously suggested an idea for April that included a class activity he does where young men and women have an open dialogue with one another, with him facilitating the discussion. It is an opportunity to clarify or correct information between the groups, addressing myths, preconceived thoughts, etc. Deirdre wondered if SPR would want to team up with Marc’s students for the event.

Vickie suggested we might want to hold that event in Bridgeway as a way to pull in more students. Kathryn agreed to check on availability of the large multi-purpose room.

Vickie indicated that the SAAC website is “available” but void of any content at this time. This group needs to identify what information should be on the website.

Deirdre agreed to contact Carol Spelic to see where we are in starting the bracelet program.

Marc provided an update on feedback from the young women who started the petition sent to the Chancellor asking for his commitment to the issue of addressing our “rape prone campus” more proactively. Marc said the petition is still up on change.org and encouraged everyone to sign it. Lakisha suggested those students might want to come to Student Senate meeting to address their concerns as well. Lakisha shared she is working with Jen deCoste on creating bystander intervention programming for campus. Deirdre made mention of the fact that while that is “good to hear”, this committee has to wonder why we aren’t being asked to participate as we have been trying to develop programming for over 2 years now.

Group agreed with fact we need to get more students aware of the results of the campus climate survey done a few years ago and continue to advocate for addressing the data and making change.

Molly shared a great story from UW-Platteville confessions page where someone shared about an incident at a party when a football player threw a drink in a women’s face and then a beer bottle at her head. Molly was amazed to see so many of the responses challenging why the student didn’t “do something”. Continues to show evidence that more and more students are willing to be involved and do something if they knew what to do!

Next meeting: 2/25/14 at 8am

Respectfully submitted by:
Deirdre Dalsing