University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes
3/11/14

Present: Marc Wruble, Alex Levin, Matt McDaniel, Sarah Olsen (representing Family Advocates), Sierra Mullen, Deirdre Dalsing

Meeting called to order by Chair at 8:10 am.

Alex motioned to approve minutes from 2/11/14 and 2/25/14 – Matt seconded, motion approved.

Deirdre provided update on “bracelet” project. Clay club has been asked to help with design as it doesn’t appear Greg Nelson’s class will be taking this on as a project. Clay club indicated it would be very simple to produce and they want to do something that would look like high-end jewelry, but something everyone would feel comfortable wearing. Deirdre will get back with group after spring break.

Deirdre shared with group about the collaborative event on 4/22/14 with Southwest Health Center and the SANE and SART programs. Deirdre encouraged the students present to encourage other students to attend as it is an important issue for victims of sexual assault in our community.

Discussed Walk A Mile In Her Shoes as a possible event for April. Sarah shared that Family Advocates staff have been talking about a similar effort. Deirdre suggested we pass this on to Sandie Brick-Margelofsky, the new program manager for our Non-Traditional and Veteran Student Resource Center. Asking the campus veteran’s group to take it on is an opportunity to pull that group in to our efforts for April. Deirdre will send email to Sandie and cc Sarah so she can be the contact person for Family Advocates.

SPR reports they are planning April 7-11th as Respect Week. They are in the process of coming up with simple events that can be done each day to call attention to respect.

Group discussed previous idea about organizing a civil discussion between men and women campus with the intent of addressing myths, problems in communication, etc. Marc volunteered to facilitate the event as he does a similar project in class each semester. Deirdre will look at Velzy during the first week in May. Ideas generated including real time twitter feed so we could take anonymous questions and address them. Deirdre suggested Marc check with men’s council to see if they want to be part of the event.

Marc was reminded to ask Elizabeth Ho if she will sing her song at the video premier in April.

Sarah suggested this group should work on increasing the efforts to address bystander intervention and sexual assault resource knowledge during summer registration and during welcome weekend. Deirdre updated group on what is already done. Everyone agreed we should expand on that this fall if possible.

With students present, discussion generated on rumors about a rating scale on campus. Marc shared he was also informed that the rating scale includes handicapping female students.

There was a comment made about rumors that men in Dobson were attempting to put camera’s down a drain in their bathroom that leads to the women’s bathroom. Deirdre agreed to share that with the Director of Residence Life in the event she wasn’t already aware. Students felt strongly criminal action should be taken if this was occurring.
Students shared their concern about the PAC and how women are treated there. Many thoughts about women not feeling welcome, and some women needing to schedule work out time with other males so they aren’t harassed. Marc felt that the Athletic Director would want to know this information, especially when Sarah indicated she is aware of students that will pay for membership at local gyms because they are not comfortable using the PAC. **This appears to be something the larger group should discuss at our next meeting to identify what role we play with having all this information.**

Next Meeting: 3/25/14 at 8am in the Women’s Center