Vickie Dreessens motioned to approve the minutes from 1/26/09. Steven Benish seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Rich Egley provided the following information to the task force with regard to policies and procedures adhered to when reports of sexual assault or sexual violence are reported on campus.

- Primary reporting contacts include: Campus police, SHS, UCS, Dean of Students, Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs, Housing RD’s, and Housing Directors
- UWP has a standardized form for anonymous reporting which provides data to Dean of Students which is required information for the UW System and fits the federal guidelines for the Cleary Act.
- All reports of sexual assault, sexual abuse should be forwarded to the Dean of Students office.
- A student who has been victimized does not have to initiate formal reporting procedures to get assistance from the Dean of Student’s office. Rich has the flexibility to consider what options should be pursued, depending on case and wishes of victim.
- If an assault occurs and both victim and perpetrator reside in same residence hall, the perpetrator is moved even if it is just “alleged”. A building restriction can be enforced as well as a university-imposed “restraining order”.
- Policies and procedures are based on UW System Chapter 17, under which a sexual assault would be considered non-academic misconduct. Chapter 17 is currently in revision and anticipated to be in place by 9/1/09.
- If a report is taken to the Dean of Students by a student, the Dean of Students has the discretion to make contact with the alleged perpetrator. No contact is made without the awareness of the victim.
- When a report is made, the accused student is offered a conference with the Dean of Students. At the informal level, the Dean of Students will determine complicity and make recommendations for sanctions.
- UW System affords due process rights including: notice of charge, ability to prepare defense, hearing, appeal process. There are additional due process rights afforded students under Chapter 17.
- Accused student can accept Dean of Students sanction or request a hearing. Chapter 17 allows a student to “settle” or appeal the decision.
- In the event that report goes to a “hearing”, the Dean of Students presents information at the hearing on behalf of the victim and the university. The accuser does have the right to face their accuser, but accommodations are made to insure victim safety and privacy.
• Information specific to the hearing process is well documented on the UWP website under Sexual Assault, with a link to Chapter 17.
• Standard of proof for sexual assault: preponderance of evidence. This is not the same as clear and convincing evidence or beyond a reasonable doubt which is used in criminal court only.

Dean of Students was asked his opinion regarding the Task Force’s thought of sending out information during Sexual Assault Awareness month in April intended to better inform students of the university’s policies and procedures related to sexual assault reporting. Rich supported the idea and offered to be of assistance with the project.

Due to time restraints, a motion was made by Deirdre to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Sheila. Meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

Submitted by:

Deirdre Dalsing, Secretary