Sexual Assault Task Force Minutes
March 9, 2009
3pm – Second Floor Royce Conference Room

Present: Vickie Dreessens, Deirdre Dalsing, Sheila Trotter, Scott Marquardt, Coree’ Burton

Meeting was called to order by Deirdre Dalsing as chair Steven Benish was unable to be present.

No agenda was set for today’s meeting.

Minutes from February meeting were reviewed by all members.

Discussed events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

- Use of bulletin boards in library have already been arranged. Counseling graduate assistant is working on information. Coree’ Burton also putting information together for bulletin boards.
- No large campus event has been planned. Speaker that had been considered by Pat Foster and the Women’s Center was not followed through on.
- Save a Life Tour is on campus 4/24. Task Force wants to support this event which calls attention to the risk of alcohol and driving as alcohol plays such a significant role in sexual assault.

Brainstormed ideas for Task Force to Sponsor:

- Josh Jasper, Executive Director of Riverview Center in Dubuque, Iowa. Has indicated interest in speaking to our campus about the role men have in preventing sexual assaults. **Deirdre will work with Josh to schedule this campus-wide evening event.**
- Develop flier that can be distributed across campus outlining how sexual assault is addressed on this campus, how reports are made, what resources are available. This will be an extension of the information Rich Egley provided this task force at our last meeting. **Vickie agreed to work on this. She will email draft to all members asking for input.**
- Task Force would like to host a brown bag event aimed at faculty and staff to address questions they may have about sexual assaults on campus. Group agreed to use of panel including representatives from the offices/departments directly tied to sexual assault information (Dean of Students, SHS, UCS, Campus Police, City Police, Housing, Family Advocates, Riverview Center). Group agreed it would
be valuable to have a Student Promoting Respect member also on the panel. As Deirdre is looking into dates for multiple other events in April, she will check on available rooms in the PSC during the noon hour. Deirdre volunteered to check with interested panelists to see about availability.

- April 8th is being recognized by WCASA as a day to end sexual violence. Group agreed we should try and have an event that day on campus.

Deirdre and Vickie presented on update on Student’s Promoting Respect:

- Nominee luncheon was held 3/6 with approximately 20 students being recognized. Majority of response was positive with many in the group showing interest in being part of SPR.
- Group is working on pamphlet to send to prospective students and have available on campus.
- Group is working on awareness video that can be used by multiple campus entities on an ongoing basis.
- Coree’ suggested we check with Housing to have SPR involved in freshman orientation as a panel along with the video.

Other:

- Scott Marquardt had gotten information about a UW system sponsored event regarding sexual assault being held in Stevens Point sometime later in April. He will forward the information to Deirdre who will forward it to all members of this task force.
- Group recommended that the next meeting be held on 4/6 at 3pm as student’s are not in class on 4/10. Deirdre will ask Steven Benish (as chair) to send both the agenda and a reminder of each meeting to task force members.