University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes
11/10/10

Present: Mark Wruble, Sheila Trotter, Pat Foster, Scott Marquardt, Vickie Dreessens, Deirdre Dalsing

Absent: Sabina Burton, Sarah Bitting

Meeting minutes from 10/12/10 were reviewed. Motion was made by Deirdre to approve. Motion seconded by Pat and approved.

Task to appoint current chair. Since council is a faculty-led committee Mark indicated he was more than willing to take it again this year. Motion was made by Deirdre to elect Mark Wruble as the chair of this council for the 2010/2011 academic year. Seconded by Vickie and approved by all.

Mark reported on his meeting with Vice Provost, Mittie Nimocks. He shared that Mittie is very supportive of our intent to train the Chancellor’s Cabinet and faculty and staff (as discussed in our last meeting). She is asking for a proposal in terms of what will be involved, time needed, and the cost. She has agreed to help this group finance the training specific to faculty and staff.

Deirdre shared information from meeting she and Vickie had with Josh Jasper and his ideas about how to coordinate this follow-up training, based off of the Jackson Katz presentation. Josh has worked closely in developing a comprehensive approach to sexual assault for Loras College and the University of Dubuque. He is open to providing training to students as well and we discussed how to use the “Intro to College Life” courses as an opportunity to approach freshman. Josh has agreed to put together a proposal, including cost, and forward it to this council for review. Vickie shared that Josh is being considered by Students Promoting Respect to provide a “Train the Trainer” model for the violence prevention model, which we may want to consider when thinking about other groups or organizations.

Deirdre shared that Josh was interested in getting some key words or phrases from this group to help him in creating his proposal specific to UW-Platteville. Scott shared two that he had gathered so far as important to the Chancellor (acting intentionally and controlling our own destiny). Scott agreed to look further in to this and forward any more thoughts to Deirdre who is in contact with Josh Jasper.

Mark and Scott provided information to the council about a new group they are starting on campus, currently referred to as a “Men’s Council”. It is a direct response to the challenge set upon us by Jackson Katz. It is intended for male faculty and staff who can help further the issue of violence against women and others, as well as mentor other young men or new male faculty. Response from this council was very positive. They are reading the book, Boys Adrift to initiate discussion within the group. Deirdre and Vickie encouraged them to think about how they might be able to interact with SPR.
Scott shared insight as to federal funds coming available through a grant aimed at programs developed to deal with violence against women. Vickie shared it can be a substantial effort as she has looked at this in the past. Scott will look into it further. If it is not reasonable (due to time frame for this year), we can still begin work on writing for it next year. Vickie shared with the group that she was aware that UW-LaCrosse was able to create programs specific to sexual assault awareness and prevention through substantial grants. Scott thought UW-Stout had also received a significant grant for similar programming.

Pat encouraged the council to remember the importance of addressing women and the role they play in keeping themselves and others safe; learning how to advocate for themselves, etc.

Other discussion included:
- Comments made by faculty to Deirdre about poor signage on this campus regarding “what to do if you have been assaulted”
- Mark questioned whether SPR should be open to women or opened up more broadly to anyone on campus versus nominations
- Pat wants to insure that any training for faculty and staff address the issue that some faculty are targeted by students with the intent of never taking their classes because of comments they have heard them say about students of diversity

Follow-up Plans:

1. Scott will get Deirdre the UW-Platteville specific language that might help Josh Jasper put together a proposal.
2. Deirdre will ask Josh to complete his proposal and forward it, via email, by 11/19. Proposal would then be sent to each council member who would have time to review it before our next meeting.
3. Proposal would then be sent to Mittie for approval for faculty and staff training and assistance in coordinating the same training for the Chancellor’s Cabinet.
4. Deirdre suggested that we use time at next meeting to set a list of priorities for this council based on the feedback each of us get from others on campus.

Next meeting: 11/23/10 at 8am in the Women’s Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark, seconded by Scott and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:44am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Deirdre Dalsing
Secretary