University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes
12/14/10

Present: Marc Wruble, Sabina Burton, Deirdre Dalsing, Pat Foster, and Elizabeth Swift

Not Present: Scott Marquardt, Vickie Dreessens, Sarah Bitting, Sheila Trotter

Elizabeth Swift introduced herself as an interested new member. She had been encouraged by Sabina Burton to attend. Elizabeth has extensive experience with domestic violence issues. She is currently a staff in the Project Management and Business Administration Department on campus. We welcome Elizabeth!

Deirdre made a motion to convene the meeting with a second by Pat. Motion approved. Meeting was convened at 8:15am.

Marc shared with group that he had provided proposal for Violence Prevention Training to Mittie Nimocks and got a favorable response. She indicated she thought the proposal (including cost) was reasonable and that she would be taking it to the Chancellor’s Cabinet for discussion and consideration. Last week Mick Viney emailed Marc asking for him to forward the proposal to him as well since he was interested in helping.

Marc is now waiting for a response from Provost Nimocks.

Discussion continued on how relevant the issue is with the current climate on campus and the incidents of racism, sexism and homophobia.

Pat shared that the Women’s Council had obtained data from female students regarding their interactions with male students as part of a grant. Focus groups were held where women were asked to share their experiences from campus. Pat felt the results were quite profound and quite current. Deirdre indicated she would contact Tammy to see if Tammy has put the results into a report that can be shared with our group. Questions for Tammy include:

- Who has been provided the results of the data?
- Has there been any response to it?
- Can our group use it to support the Violence Prevention Training Proposal?

SAAC will again host a forum as part of April’s Sexual Assault Awareness Month on “Technology and It’s Role in Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence”. This was a very well attended forum held last April that included Marc Wruble, Tabethe Schemmel from Riverview Center, and Andrea Droessler from Platteville Police. Deirdre shared that Darlene from Family Advocates had been asked to participate as well, but could not because of another commitment. This group wants to make sure an invitation is extended to her again this year. Deirdre will begin preparation for this event (setting date, requesting room).
Deirdre asked group to consider placing an agenda item of “brainstorming” onto our next meeting agenda. The concept is to develop a list of ideas, events, or recommendations this council should be making (or be involved in) to increase the attention to sexual assault from just the month of April, to all year long on campus. Previous feedback about placing information in bathrooms to assist victims is just one idea that has floated across campus that has never been addressed. As a group we discussed the use of fliers in a bathroom. Elizabeth recommended fliers with tear-aways on the bottom that could not only provide information to students, but provide us some information as well.

Marc mentioned he wants the newly formed Men’s Council involved in events for April, asking that they be considered in any planning that Students Promoting Respect engages in.

Marc asked that brainstorming and an update on the Violence Prevention Training proposal be added to the agenda for our next meeting.

All present agreed that early Tuesday morning meeting times worked well. In consideration of weather and driving conditions, we will try and convene meetings at 8:10am.

Next meeting: 1/25/11 8am – Women’s Center.

Pat made motion to adjourn meeting with a second by Sabina. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Deirdre Dalsing
SAAC Secretary