University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes 2/8/11

Present: Marc Wruble, Deirdre Dalsing, Vickie Dreessens, Scott Marquardt, Pat Foster, Darci Wildermuth

Not Present: Sheila Trotter, Sarah Bitting, Sabina Burton, Elizabeth Swift

Meeting called to order by Marc Wruble at 8:10 am.

Marc made a motion to approve minutes from 1/25/11 meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marc updated the group about the meeting with Provost/Vice Chancellor Mittie Nimocks and her assistant, Art Ranney. Mittie has approved moving forward on offering $5,000.00 to Josh Jasper for training to Chancellor’s cabinet and staff and faculty as well as preparing a concept as to how we will expand this issue into the classrooms to train and facilitate discussion among students. Deirdre has not been able to reach Josh Jasper to see if he would accept our counter-offer on his proposal.

Group discussed how to proceed. We would recommend administrative training occur as quickly as possible (March) with a faculty and staff training set for April. Scott suggested we contact Mittie to determine what the Chancellor’s executive group is referred to as there is no longer a “chancellor’s cabinet”.

Once Deirdre get’s approval from Josh Jasper, Marc will notify Mittie to get things started on the administrative level.

Vickie wonders if this group would be able to attend the administrator’s training so we are clear on the message delivered and the response from that group. We will keep that in mind and again ask Mittie.

Planning for April Events:

After discussion, it was determined that 4/5 will not work for a kick-off to the month event because it is also the Women’s Council “Celebration of Women Event”. Vickie suggested we look further into planning dates as the regents will be on campus sometime in April and she has been made aware multiple events are being planned, thus making room availability difficult.

Deirdre will work with the EMS program to evaluate open dates and rooms for the month of April.

SPR is in the process of planning events for the month as well.
Question as to whether we should plan another event for the month. Pat suggested more of an educational format to discuss safety, consent and other issues relevant to students. Multiple ideas were generated including:

- Collaboration with Teaching Awareness Through Drama (TAD) group on campus who present a sexual assault scenario.
- Contact Platteville HS who has a mime group that does a sexual violence presentation.
- Question and answer element to presentation where student can put questions on cards as they come in and we can answer them as the evening progresses.

Darci asked if we have ever provided self-defense classes on campus. Vickie provided history in which they were offered, but not very popular.

Darci found a great website (www.girlsfightback.com) that addresses safety issues.

Deirdre asked group if we should respond to the most recent sexual assault of a UW-P student. Vickie suggested we could use the March SCOOP newsletter for our response, but then suggested organizing a one page “what you need to know about sexual assault” that could go out as soon as the end of this month. Darci will coordinate. Deirdre indicated she has some information that could be of help, Marc indicated he did as well. Anyone on committee can submit an item for this document. Please email Darci with your submissions.

Next meeting: 2/22/11 8 a.m. Women’s Center

Agenda: Event planning for April and Coordination of Violence Prevention Training event.