University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes
3/8/11

Present: Marc Wruble, Deirdre Dalsing, Vickie Dreessens, Scott Marquardt, Sarah Bitting, Elizabeth Swift, Darci Wildermuth

Not Present: Sheila Trotter, Sabina Burton, Pat Foster

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

Marc requested that council update on meeting outcome from 2/22/11 when he and Deirdre were unable to attend meeting. Sarah indicated she had updated group on the events being planned for Unity Week and Sexual Assault Awareness Month through Gender Equity Committee of Student Senate. Sarah also had approached this group about an incident involving Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and a complaint of harassment made against.

Vickie made a motion to approve minutes from 2/8/11 meeting and verbal update from 2/22/11. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Josh Jasper has agreed to 3/31 for training the Chancellor’s Cabinet. We will coordinate a 2-hour training. The Chancellor’s administrative assistant has indicated they can make 2 hours available on that date. Deirdre will confirm with Josh Jasper. Marc will ask Sue from his office to coordinate a room on campus that can accommodate over 40 people. Marc will also ask Mittie if representatives from this council (if not all of us) can attend the training. Deirdre will now look to space and date availability for a faculty and staff training in April.

Scott reported that Student Affairs has initiated a group of administrators on campus to identify if there are improvements needed to how the University responds to sexual assault reports. Both Scott and Vickie from this council are part of that group. Scott was approached by Southwest Hospital and will be offering training on “evidence collection”, specific to sexual assaults, on 3/23/11. He also reported that Family Advocates is trying to develop a coordinated community response team in order to coordinate responses to sexual assault reports. They have asked the University to be involved. Scott will be joining that effort. Elizabeth indicated she has experience in her work in Iowa as to similar committees and volunteered to be involved if needed. Scott will pass on that information. Deirdre reminded Scott that the hospital should be encouraged to use the resources of WCASA who can provide resources and training to them.

Sarah provided follow-up with regard to the Sigma Tau Gamma situation. After being discussed in this council, Vickie brought it to the Women’s Council who agreed a response was needed. Vickie drafted a letter encouraging the leadership of STG to take advantage of a learning opportunity. To date she has not gotten a response.

Sarah asked group for feedback on what to include in the Tunnel of Oppression as to male and female issues. Vickie encouraged her to contact Housing as they may have resources available to her from their Boxes and Walls presentations.
Her Gender Equity Committee is working on the following for Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

- Consent is sexy bracelets – will table with Students Promoting Respect who will be selling t-shirts
- Display cases to call attention to sexual assault
- Trying to work with Family Advocates to coordinate how they might be involved
- Use of movie for campus wide event
- Has worked with student from CJ to provide a self defense class for women
- Day of Action is 4/19 – creative awareness activity planned

Sarah reported that she has provided a Gender Issues presentation to several Greek organizations and is set to offer it to several more in the coming weeks.

Marc shared that a student from one of his classes is making a proposal to use 4/4/11 as “No Make-up Monday” as a way to promote “real as beautiful”. Student will be making a presentation to the Women’s Council to gather their support.

Marc was asking Sarah if there is a website through UW-Platteville specific to sexual assault issues where we could all submit information. He was thinking facebook page as a way to speak to students. Sarah indicated nothing is set as of now, but agreed to look in to how it could be organized.

Due to time, Deirdre was unable to share the following information about Students Promoting Respect and their plans for April:

- Plan to sell t-shirts with the theme “real men respect women” with proceeds being offered to Family Advocates.
- Coordinating “Technology and its Impact on Sexual Violence” presentation on 4/12 from 7-8:30pm in the Nohr Art Gallery.
- Will be calling attention to the issue of sexual assault one day each week of the month. They will organize with shirts and posters around the area between PSC, Doudna, Library and Boebel during change times between classes. It will be an awareness activity intended to get people talking.
- PSA’s have been filmed and will be shown on TV-5 during Thursday newscasts during April.
- WSUP will play PSA’s on radio during the month as well.

Next meeting set for 3/22/11 at 9:00 am in the Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Dalsing
Secretary