University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes 5/10/11

Present: Pat Foster, Vickie Dreessens, Deirdre Dalsing, Darci Wildermuth, Sheila Trotter, Sabina Burton, Scott Marquardt, Marc Wruble, Sarah Bitting, Courtney Hoffman

Absent: Elizabeth Swift

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 8:07am

Vickie motioned to accept the 4/26/11 minutes; Pat seconded; motion approved.

Courtney Hoffman was introduced as the new Gender Issues Director for Student Senate. She will replace Sarah Bitting next year on this council. Welcome to Courtney. Many thanks were expressed to Sarah for all of her hard work on this council and with Student Senate.

Marc provided update on meeting with Provost Nimicks: they are in the process of tailoring the contract for Josh Jasper to pay him ½ his fee at this time and the other ½ in the fall when he does the faculty/staff training. Mittie is very supportive of this council’s work and discussed with Marc setting the faculty/staff training for 9/1/11 from 10am to noon. Marc was asked to coordinate with Housing personnel and Student Affairs in order to involve them in the training. The date and time is tentative at this point. Marc will notify council once things are set in stone.

Group discussed Josh’s presentation to the Chancellor’s Cabinet. All were in agreement that the presentation was excellent, but too short! Council members who attended found it interesting that most of the administrative staff present were surprised by the numbers of sexual assault/sexual violence on campus. Participation was good and there was a consensus by the group that there is a need and more should be done.

Council agreed that the next task we have is to figure out how to coordinate and organize all the individual efforts that have developed on campus over the past year to address sexual assault and sexual violence toward others.

Group agreed it would be important to meet with Dr. Joann Wilson, the interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

Scott reported that the Family Advocates grant was done and had been submitted. Now we are just waiting to hear whether funding is available.

Darci shared that she thought the Sexual Assault Awareness Presentation, hosted by Students for Peace and Justice went very well; she only wished more students had been present. Sarah recommended this group and Courtney may want to think about asking that group to host the event again next year, but with more advanced planning and advertisement.
Discussed whether Marc continues as chair next year or whether his rotation has been completed. Marc indicated an interest in staying active with group, regardless. Marc was thanked for all his efforts in chairing the council.

With training for faculty and staff scheduled for September, group agreed to meet again on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 8am in the Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Deirdre Dalsing
SAAC Secretary