University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes
9/13/11

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

Not Present: Scott Marquardt, Sabina Burton, Sheila Trotter, Elizabeth Swift

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

Marc made a motion to approve minutes from 8/23/11 meeting. Pat seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deirdre shared that Courtney Hoffman, Gender Issues Director for Student Senate has class during our meeting times. Deirdre and Courtney plan to meet monthly to make sure Courtney has all the information she needs from our meetings.

Marc provided update on student training with Josh Jasper:

- Date is set for 9/20 from 7-9pm in Velzy Commons.
- Want to target student leaders with attendance
- Marc sent information to Paul Erickson for distribution
- Dominic shared with SAF Director’s
- Deirdre agreed to send information to Intercom
- Discussed list of who we should specifically invite or encourage to let their students know
  - Housing (Robin Berglin)
  - SPR
  - Val Wetzel and David Nevins
  - Sufac (through Jay Heim)
  - Student Senate (through Chaz Nicholds)
  - Mark Molesworth
  - Deb Schulman
  - Amy Nemmitz
  - Teri Burns
  - Tammy Salmon-Stephens
  - Counselor Education faculty

Marc agreed to formulate write up, which he will forward to Deirdre who will send out via email to those listed. Discussed development of posters and consensus was it could be difficult to put that effort in to something that is already set for next Tuesday.

Other:

Deirdre asked if anyone had heard whether Family Advocates got the grant for the on-campus advocate. No one was sure, but Pat thought she had heard it did not go through.
Marc reported that plans to have the football team coordinate a fundraiser for Family Advocates and violence awareness at a football game is still on. More information to follow.

Discussion centered on what to do now as follow-up to the work started with Josh Jasper’s presentations:

- Do we need subcommittee of this group to see things are followed through on?
- Should this committee oversee what follow-up should look like?
- Vickie suggested we might consider helping to develop a curriculum piece that could be used in all Intro to College Life Courses
- Can we do a train the trainer process, so student leaders could present the curriculum in those and other classes?
- Concluded that this council needs to be prepared to discuss and formulate ideas on how to build on the momentum……..

Deirdre asked group to consider the relevance of developing a “How to Report” sign that could be posted in every bathroom (male and female and family) on campus. Sign could be comprehensive enough that it didn’t only address sexual violence, but could include domestic violence, hate crimes, bias incidents, harassment, etc. Darci shared about magnet provided her when she first went to undergraduate that she still has today. Members present agreed we could take “sign” and put same information on magnets. Pat offered we need to think about how to fund things like that, asking if tri-state initiative money was available.

Darci agreed to begin work on a “sign” and bring it to meeting for feedback.

Deirdre shared with council that Housing has initiated an innovative approach to sexual assault awareness by creating a video that is posted on their website and being sent out to all residence life students this week. It is provocative, but creative. All students are warned about the impact of the video and RA’s are asked to use it as a jumping board to addressing myths in the next few weeks.

Marc shared some concerns about the presentation that Josh Jasper gave to faculty and staff – specifically about the “man box”. Marc believes this exercise is outdated and allows for continued stereotyping that is not taking in to consideration the changing times. Marc introduced the concept of an overlap of the box and that it is no longer gender specific but instead a “power box” and that the discussion should be about how people in power use/abuse the position of power. Marc felt that Josh’s presentation was not addressing the increased role of women in the abuse of power and violence directed toward others.

Group agreed with his concerns and encouraged Marc to speak with Josh about this since we are paying him for a service and we want his message to be consistent with what is relevant to a college campus.

Next meeting: September 27, 2011 at 8am – Patricia A Doyle Women’s Center

Respectfully submitted by:
Deirdre Dalsing