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

Present: Mark Wruble, Vickie Dreessens, Deirdre Dalsing, Darci Wildermuth, Sabina Burton, Elizabeth Swift
Absent: Sheila Trotter, Pat Foster, Dana Cecil, Scott Marquardt

Marc called meeting to order at 8:10am

Deirdre motioned to approve minutes from 10/25/11 – Elizabeth seconded. Motioned carried. Scott was unable to attend and thus no update was provided as to meeting with Provost Nimocks.

Magnets – Vickie will proceed with purchasing 500 of the magnets. Health Services will cover the cost now, with the anticipation that the Provost’s office will eventually assist. Vickie is considering making some up on cardstock so they can be given out at different events. Possibility for making it into wallet size as well.

Marc updated group on fund-raiser with football team for Family Advocates. While he doesn’t have exact figures he believes they raised between $300.00-400.00 by auctioning off cakes. Marc shared that if the event is to continue there are aspects that have to be reworked to allow adequate time to prepare an event like the one originally considered (Cake Boss Competition). Marc believes the football team will make it an annual event, with focus on getting University departments more involved, not just community.

Marc updated group on the Branching Out program that will be held this Thursday, 11/10/11.

Group brainstormed ideas for remainder of academic year:

- Vickie feels the campus climate survey actually gives our group data to support activities or requests. After some discussion Vickie agreed to contact Melissa Gormley (who heads committee to review survey) to attend our meetings or allow us to participate in theirs to coordinate efforts.
- Elizabeth shared with group she feels a victim’s advocate position is needed on campus. Concept is they could be the guiding force between all different departments on campus to improve coordination of services and responses.
- Question whether a new position with focus on civility will be added to University and whether sexual assault could be part of that.
- Deirdre referenced targeting groups with presentations instead of settling for large presentations at Velzy which minimal students attend.
- Sabina offered concept of this group coordinating a speakers bureau that could offer topics specific to sexual assault and violence toward others to faculty and staff on campus.
- Deirdre asked about the possibility of a GA position being identified as a campus victim advocate.

Next meeting schedule for 11/22/11 at 8am in the Women’s Center
Respectfully submitted:

Deirdre Dalsing, Secretary