University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes
11/22/11

Present: Marc Wruble, Sheila Trotter, Pat Foster, Scott Marquardt, Elizabeth Swift, Dana Cecil, Darci Wildermuth and Deirdre Dalsing

Absent: Sabina Burton, Vickie Dreessens

Called to Order at 8:10am by Marc Wruble.

Sheila Trotter motioned to accept the minutes from 11/8/11, Darci seconded. Motion approved.

Scott provided update from his meeting with Provost Nimocks: Mittie’s office covered the cost of the room-set up (at Velzy) for Josh Jasper’s last presentation. She is in agreement with him returning to campus for 1 more presentation to staff and 1 to students. She has offered to contribute funding, but encourages our group to approach other groups for funding as well. Marc will contact Josh to see about availability, but also what additional cost would look like.

New updates to required reporting of sexual assaults on UW System campuses. Mittie will be sending out an all campus email outlining faculty and staff responsibilities.

Mittie recommended we consider making a proposal for a University Committee that would be given the responsibility for oversight on issues related to violence.

The provost was in favor of the posters and magnets we have developed and purchased. She recommended we speak with Paul Erickson to discuss how to get them posted in buildings. Scott will follow through with Paul.

Council then discussed feedback from meeting with Provost.
  - Will plan two additional events with Josh, possibly tying one in with Valentine’s Day and the other in April.
  - After much discussion, group decided to revisit our membership (listed on web) and request representatives from groups who have not been represented as well as Athletics. There was some concern development of another committee would only further complicate the goal of oversight and organization. Elizabeth agreed to draft letter of invitation which she will share with this group at our next meeting.

Deirdre provided update to group about request from Family Advocates to pay for an 8 hour a week advocate that would be housed on campus, but funded and trained/supervised through them. Even though they did not obtain grant they originally requested, they have found the funding for this position. Counseling Services has agreed to offer office space. Dean of Students Artanya Wesley is working on this agreement/arrangement. They are discussing use of a Counselor Education Graduate Assistant so it would be even more tied to our campus.
Marc asked group to begin brainstorming for events in April:

- Darci shared that SPR is actively pursuing events including making a statement of non-violence to be posted and use of the graffiti wall.
- Dana questioned whether we should find ways to get data out during the month of April.
- Marc asked about theme? Group thought we might want to stay with the Consent is Sexy and Real Men Respect Women concepts that were started the last several years.
- Scott volunteered to help with a panel that might want to address the issue of reporting.
- Elizabeth offered her insight on having a “survivor” speak on campus. Group thought we should contact CPR who has the funding for big events. Pat offered information about a situation she knew from North Carolina that had morphed in to a “presentation”.

Next Meeting: 12/6/11 at 8am in the Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center

Respectfully submitted by:

Deirdre Dalsing
Secretary