University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes
2/6/12

Present: Marc Wruble, Darci Wildermuth, Scott Marquardt, Deirdre Dalsing, Robin Berglin, Melissa Gormley, Sabina Burton, Elizabeth Swift, Liz Oestreich, Emily Niebuhr, Courtney Hoffman, Pat Foster, Zach Bloom
Not Present: Sarah Miller, Vickie Dreessens, Dana Cecil, Sheila Trotter

Marc called meeting to order at 8:10am.

Sabina motioned to approve minutes from 1/23/12, Darci seconded, motion approved.

Deirdre shared that Zach Bloom was representing SPR. Emily was representing United Greek Council, though only for today’s meeting. UGC will determine permanent representative at their next meeting. Deirdre has heard from Mark Molesworth (Athletic Director) as well and they will have a representative by our next meeting.

Pat reminded group about “Stories from da Dirt” presentation set for tomorrow evening at 6pm at First English Lutheran Church.

Darci passed out one magnet and one cling to each member present. Sabina took some for Dana Cecil. Darci reported that Vickie is working with Student Housing to coordinate the effort to get them in the bathrooms of the residence halls. Darci is making contact with other buildings, but asked for feedback on how to organize a plan to distribute them on campus. She was encouraged to contact Tony Isabell who supervises custodial staff on campus. Since Scott has already spoken with Pete Davis and Paul Erickson, this shouldn’t be a problem for Tony’s staff to help with distribution. Someone suggested we send 1 to each fraternity and sorority house. Emily agreed she could take them to the next United Green Council meeting for distribution. Some question about whether we should distribute them at events and what not. Since initial purchase was to focus on making the reporting process visible on campus, we want to stay consistent to that.

Marc provided update on trainings with Josh Jasper. Josh has significant reduced his rate for trainings and will now offer them for $500.00 each event. We have the next staff training scheduled for 2/27/12 from 5:30pm-8pm in the Lundeen Lecture Hall of Doudna Hall. Scott can secure some funds to assist with event. Marc reported 3 members of the Men's Council last week volunteered to also provide funding for event.

Deirdre will send out intercom, but Marc impressed upon group that we should all try and personally invite staff or faculty to event. Idea of “bring a friend” was generated. Marc asked group about whether SPR members should be present for F/S training event. Everyone in agreement that was a good idea. They can then observe presentation and pass on information for student training which we hope to schedule for 4/25/12 at 6pm. Scott will work on securing space for that event.
Marc asked Deirdre if date has been set yet for Technology Presentation in April. Nothing has been formalized yet as SPR is just beginning its planning for April. Deirdre will contact Marc within the next few weeks.

Melissa shared she had met the newly appointed Diversity officer for student senate over the weekend. Melissa shared that Jelena G. will be a good contact person for this council.

Discussed bystander training set for April for students. Will need to continue to work on securing funds for that event (did not discuss today). Again the issue is how we market the event. Suggestions included sending email to faculty providing them some ideas on how they could integrate the training into their classes. Sabina offered to develop something that could be sent to faculty. Council needs to have Sarah Miller help out and use the social media arena to advertise as well.

Pat and Scott mentioned making contact with Dominic (Student Affairs Assessment Office) to discuss ways to assess and get feedback on both events.

Melissa has been working on the narrative she agreed to write for our group. Will provide for all of us to preview. Asking for clarification on what the narrative is for. Identified the importance of using this narrative to provide this council and possibly the University with a starting point to a strategic plan regarding sexual assault. Marc emphasized key words for the narrative including “raising awareness, prevention, intervention, changing culture”.

Scott shared he believes the University focus will be on use of planning and assessment to drive goals in the future.

Liz O. asked about magnets and whether anyone had considered approaching second street bars to put them in their bathrooms. Deirdre and Darci both shared that there should be limitations to where we post these as the focus was originally intended for campus. The purchase order does not allow for them to be used as handouts. Robin suggested using same graphics and putting it on cover stock if we want to hand them out or make them available to others.

Next meeting: 2/20/12 at 8am in the Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center

Respectfully submitted by:

Deirdre Dalsing