University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes 10/15/12

Present: Marc Wruble, Deirdre Dalsing, Robin Gore, Vickie Dreessens, Rebecca Groves, Scott Marquardt, Peter Reif, Tim Swenson (new Academic Staff rep), Nick Reinhold (new RHA rep), Emily Sawle (new Student Senate rep), Tim Deis (new Faculty rep)

Marc called meeting to order at 8:15am.

Motion to approve minutes from 9/26/12 and 10/1/12 made by Vickie, seconded by Rebecca. Motion approved.

Deirdre referenced changes in membership for the academic year. Introductions were made.

Marc reported he made changes to letter he was submitting to Provost on our council’s behalf.

Marc shared that men’s council is working on the concept of a Men’s Summit to be held sometime this fall semester. Concern was generated after they were given retention data that showed on our campus that men were not retaining or completing degrees at the rate of women. Marc shared the concept around the summit and asked if this council was in support and wanted to be involved. Some questions were generated and eventually discussion drifted to long term and short term goals for this council for the academic year.

Robin shared about presentation on bystander intervention she saw last week while at a conference. It was from Step Up, a program originated at University of Arizona. She sees taking the power point and reworking it to fit our campus. Deirdre mentioned she would like to see this council take on the task of creating a “campaign” similar to Step Up, but for UW-Platteville. Members present today were in favor. Discussed identifying a subgroup of individuals from this council and campus-wide who would be involved in creating elements of the campaign. Agreed we would need to involve Russ Hill from Media and Technology Services.

Student representatives present encouraged group to think about the need to educate students on the definition of sexual assault as well as ways to help others.

Pete was aware of effort on sexual assault education through Athletics and agreed to check with Jeff Gard to see what the program all involved.

Discussion on this topic will continue next meeting: 11/5/12 at 8am in Women’s Center

Respectfully submitted by:
Deirdre Dalsing