University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes
11/5/12

Present: Marc Wruble, Deirdre Dalsing, Vickie Dreessens, Rebecca Groves, Scott Marquardt, Peter Reif, Nick Reinhold, Mariah Krueger (guest), Pat Foster

Marc called meeting to order at 8:10am.

Motion to approve minutes from 10/15/12 made by Vickie. Motion approved.

Deirdre reported that we have to approve a chair for the year. Pat Foster motioned to accept and approve Marc Wruble as chair for 2012/2013 academic year. Motion approved.

Pat provided an update on discussion that has been continuing from the Women’s Council with regard to improved coordination of sexual assault programming and services on our campus. Mariah Krueger is a student employee out of the Provost’s office who has been charged with gathering information and developing a web-page that will provide a comprehensive picture of all efforts across campus departments. Page will be a “clearing house” concept. Mariah will gather information and then work with web development.

Marc engaged group in discussion about this web page with a focus on who our customers should be. Group agreed we have to consider students, staff, faculty, and prospective students and their parents as customers.

Scott shared information about “super page” currently being worked on to detail necessary information that has to be readily and easily accessible to consumers. He will send group the link so we can see the format. Vickie suggested any web page should be linked from all of the other areas so again, information is consistent.

Marc shared his thoughts that the page could also include apps which could provide students a quick resource of how to get help if they are a victim of sexual violence, but also bystander intervention ideas so they can assist other students.

Marc has reviewed the Step Up Program out of the University of Arizona. Several other group members are familiar with it. All agreed that something like that is doable here. Marc’s only concern is he hasn’t seen any data to support its use like there is with bystander intervention. He shared there were reasonably priced manuals and Vickie agreed that SHS could pick up that cost.

Marc shared we have not received any response from the letter we forwarded to the Provost’s office. Council members all agreed that was disappointing.

Discussed cost if we continue with Jackson Katz/Josh Jasper on Bystander Intervention training or whether we purchase an existing program that could offer us similar information. There was
some discussion about purchasing Step Up and creating a more personalized program to our University.

This lead to discussion about cost (no money earmarked for sexual violence prevention on campus) and the question of administrative support for our efforts. Pete referenced this issue does have economic impact as parents and students look at efforts taken to make campus safe.

Campus climate survey allows us data to engage administration in a discussion as we want to make sure our campus is addressing the “rape culture” and “not safe” outcomes generated. This group continued to process how we get administration involved in investing in the work that has to be done on campus for this issue. Marc offered concept of exploring the 360 degree student concept and recognizing that 180 degrees of that concept is making sure that students reach out to and assist other students, it isn’t only about faculty and staff being resources. Discussion provided the group some foundation for how to have this discussion with administration to get the support needed for the work we have been doing and want to continue to do.

Next meeting: 11/19/12 at 8am in Women’s Center

 Addition to Notes: Pete shared with Deirdre after the meeting that Jeff Gard has developed and implemented a program within the athletic department that includes meeting with teams to address the issues of sexual violence and substance abuse. Pete felt Jeff would be very open and receptive to adding elements to his program, including information on bystander intervention.

Respectfully submitted by:
Deirdre Dalsing