University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes 12/17/12

Present: Marc Wruble, Deirdre Dalsing, Scott Marquardt, Tim Swenson, Vickie Dreessens, Pat Foster, Pete Reif

Marc called meeting to order at 8:10am.

Marc made a motion to approve the 12/13/12 minutes; seconded by Pat; motion approved.

Updates:
1. Marc and Scott worked to finalize a budget request for funding for our committee. We have requested $10,000.00 for the next 5 years. Scott informed group that Jen DeCoste asked him to send the request through his campus police budget.
2. Deirdre shared that she did not hear back from the coordinator of the “It Matters” campaign at Oshkosh, but will keep trying.
3. Scott shared his perspective that this group should also continue to search out grant opportunities for funding as this sends a strong message to our administration.
4. Peter reiterated information about the presentation that Jeff Gard does on sexual assault and excessive drinking to athletic teams. Pete will check to see if Jeff purchased a program or developed his own presentation and whether there was funding coordinated from Athletics for this endeavor.

Planning for April and Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

1. Tim Swenson has volunteered to offer a self defense class during April. There was some discussion as to whether we should try and offer more than one class and at a different time during the day to appeal to more attendees.
2. Lunch and Learn Series for the month – possibly collaborate with BJ Reed and TEC to offer presentations specific to sexual assault for faculty, staff and students. (Deirdre agreed to contact BJ Reed) Scott suggested he felt the panel we have done in the past which included DOS, SHS, Counseling, Campus Police and local advocates was well received and should be included in the series.
3. Video contest where we engage students in a competition to create a “bystander intervention” video which can be used on the website and for future training efforts. Scott has offered a parking pass as a prize. Had some discussion about the process. Tim has a rubric he uses for his self defense class and a project students have to do which might help us select criteria on which to judge the videos.
4. Marc agreed to offer his presentation on sexual violence and it’s connection to technology.

Planning for Fall, 2013:
Group agreed we should try and focus on events for “first six weeks” and have multiple events to offer. Agreed we should try and partner with Residence Life as well as continue the efforts from this year when we worked with new student orientation as well.
Next meeting: 1/14/13 from 9am-11am. Meeting will be held in Counseling Services Conference Room, 223 Royce Hall. Primary Focus: Development of Video Contest

Respectfully submitted by:
Deirdre Dalsing