University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes 3/4/13

Present: Marc Wruble, Deirdre Dalsing, Pat Foster, Rebecca Groves, Scott Marquardt, Vickie Dreessens

Marc called meeting to order at 8:07am.

Pat made a motion to approve the 2/18/13 minutes, Marc seconded; motion approved.

Deirdre provided the following updates:

1. Marc’s presentation on technology and its impact on sexual violence is set for 4/30 from 7-9pm in the Platteville East and West rooms.
2. Still working with Tim Swenson to secure dates for two self-defense classes. DISCUSSION: Group felt times would be best for students if we did an early morning or 3pm afternoon class. Suggestion made to use room in PAC. Deirdre will continue to work with Tim to coordinate.
3. Pioneer Link page is up and ready with all forms for video contest. DISCUSSION: we will all be added as administrators for the page to help coordinate video contest. Deirdre will notify Jay.
4. Deirdre is coordinating a Zumba event with Physical Health Department and student from Health Promotion for 4/23 and 4/24 as an additional event for SAAM. Focus will be on music with empowering themes for women and announcements will be made during event about SAAM. Will be from noon-2pm each day, weather permitting in the grass area between PAC and MPSC. In case of rain, we will use Bo Ryan Court.

Discussed concept for Panel idea for April. Plans are to use it as training for faculty and staff on mandatory reporting requirement. Panelist should include: campus police, dean of students, human resource manager, UW System legal staff and Rebecca suggested residence life administrator. Agreed if we are talking about how to report, when to report, who reports are made to, etc., this panel did not require representation from health services, counseling or community advocate agency. Scott emphasized we should clearly distinguish between reporting for child sexual abuse vs. sexual assault and Marc suggested we might want to create scenario’s that show what meets reporting criteria and what doesn’t. Scott will check with Jeanne Durr about availability and ideas for panel discussion. Deirdre will talk with BJ Reed about TLC and their involvement. Deirdre will also contact Paige Reed from System Legal about her availability.

Discussed funding issues for council. Vickie has agreed to cover the cost of the room for the 4/17 event. We still have to look for funding to cover refreshments and fun award for contest winners. We still have money to raise in order to provide video contest winners with financial prize. Pete shared with council (via email) that he had not heard from Dennis Cooley of the Foundation, even after emailing him. Scott agreed to talk to Rob Cramer about how to secure funding for the event.
Pat shared several upcoming events at the Women’s Center:

Marc shared about male student in one of his classes that overheard males in the PSC “rating” women as they walked by. He challenged them with the question of “do you have a sister……..” and the young man stopped without any comment. Vickie suggested we offer the student one of our respect shirts to say “thank you”.

Group discussed our interest in Ben’s Bells bracelets. Agreed to pursue if we are able to secure funding for this group.

Our next meeting: 3/18/13 at 8am in the Women’s Center

Respectfully submitted by:
Deirdre Dalsing