

Student Health Advisory Committee Meeting

February 6, 2014

Present: Rachel Drake, Cecilia Stevens, Char Coal, Alyssa Martin, Peter Okwerekur, Xi Yu, Heidi Rieck, Adam Scott, Megan Schnobrich, Lauren Beach, and Katherine Kelsey

Guests: Dave Golden, Ferd Schlapper, Sue Jackson, Tom Bilder, Carl Anderson, and Julie Sanem

Absent: Kathryn Pawley, Abdi Hassan, Apoova Reddy, Marguerite Tuthill, and Gary Christenson

Welcome and Introductions

- The chairs welcomed the members and introductions followed.

Review of minutes:

- The minutes of the January 23 meeting were approved as submitted.

Light Rail safety issues:

- Reviewed a draft detailing SHAC's concerns and questions regarding signage
 - Problem regarding length of traffic lights
 - Check with other departments as to what plans and efforts may already be in place
 - Should plans and efforts be publically available?
- Heidi offered to bring our letter to the next MSA meeting and ask for a vote in creating a position statement. Final copy of the letter needs to be sent to Heidi by Tuesday, February 11, in order for her to present it.
- Determined that Pam Wheelock would be the appropriate one to address the letter to. She should have a good sense as to what efforts are already in place.
- Closing should include requesting an action follow-up.

Tobacco follow-up:

- The proposed policy was posted and over 200 comments were received.
- Minor tweaks will be made but do not affect the overall policy.
- UMD will be included in the Twin Cities policy.
- Effective date is slated for July 1, 2014.
- Possibility that President Kaler will announce the effective date in his State of the University address scheduled for March 4.

Gopher Chauffeur

- Work with Laurie Scheik to discuss the possibility of using a paratransit vehicle to make rides available for persons with disabilities. The vehicles are not used during the evening hours.
- Working with security

Bike helmet promotions

- Determine why people are not wearing helmets: inconvenience, financial, etc.
- Conduct a contest on “Design a Helmet”, have it reproduced and make it an official U of M helmet.
- Goal is to increase helmet use
 - Hold focus groups
 - Hand out surveys at bike racks
 - Meet with BHS Marketing and Health Promotion to come up with campaign ideas for SHAC’s input
 - Goal is to have a plan in place by spring

SHAC Membership

- COGS and IFIC are vacant
- Lance and Kevin will be contacted for their recommendations

ACHA Annual Meeting

- Held in May
- Co-chairs attend. Rachel and Kathryn will graduate this year.
- Elections of officers for 2014/2015 academic year will be TBA

New Issues:

- Campus Connector Routes
 - Packed buses—many students walk because they can’t get in
 - Locations of stops not convenient in areas where there is a high percent of students in line.
- Stops to take with all the emphasis on safety—packed busses are not safe.
- Take pictures to visually show the problem and send the pictures to Pam Wheelock
- This issue will be discussed further at future meetings.
- Raise awareness

Parental Leave

- Public Health issue—BHS could provide leadership
- Think of options as how to start with policy change
- Will be revisited at a future meeting

Fees Update:

- Carl presented the off-year fees report to the Student Fees Committee on February 1.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Uchal

