SHAC Minutes
2/19/15

SHAC Members Present: Char Coal, , Sky Handy, Abdi Hassan, Indie Lewis, Alison Miller, Cecilia Stevens, Bronte Stewart-New,


Boynton Staff Present: Carl Anderson, Tom Bilder, Gary Christenson, Dave Golden, Ben Hickman, Anne Hodgson, Julie Sanem, Ferd Schlapper

1. Welcome and Introductions – (Sky)

2. Review of Minutes from 2.5.14 (Sky)
   ▪ No updates or comments to last month’s meeting minutes

3. Campus Safety and Safe U- Ann Freeman and Laura Johnson
   ▪ Ann & Laura attended and shared the campaign history and progression leading to Safe U. Safe U was developed as the umbrella effort that all safety messages can come from so there is one cohesive campaign and still meet the needs of ever emerging safety issues.
   ▪ Feedback was requested and encouraged to current campaigns or new ideas for safety issues
     ▪ Char shared concern about recent 624-WALK experience and requested copy of presentation
     ▪ Gary wondered about effectiveness and how that’s tracked; Laura shared that effectiveness is measured by web traffic and anecdotal feedback.
     ▪ Bronte and Abdi confirmed they’ve noticed the signs but would be unlikely to go to the website
     ▪ Abdi asked about smoke free campus falling under their umbrella- Ann shared that this had been considered and they are closely involved in the campaign but it was decided to close of a connection with UMPD would not have the right impact. They are still involved in the conversation and helping to keep communications going.
     ▪ Ali asked about safety in the neighborhoods surrounding campus. Laura said they are exploring this idea with businesses and neighborhoods around campus
     ▪ Carl shared concern about need for more monitoring around light rail crossings. Laura shared “while you wait” ideas that they may consider bringing back. Tom asked about transit police presence and Ferd responded that resources are likely too tight for them to be crossing guard. There was a shared concern about a few locations that are less of an intersection and more of a pedestrian walkway- we suspect these are more dangerous areas and people are more likely to cross on red. Indie suggested a push right before Spring Jam.
     ▪ Abdi offered Disability Resource Center as a resource to make sure signage is appropriate for as many students as possible

4. Updates- Information only
   ▪ Next Meeting: February 19th, 2015 N101 (Garden Room) Boynton Health Service
   ▪ Parental Leave for Students (Dave, Cecilia, Kevin)
     ▪ Dave gave update on Parental Leave. After meeting with Mark Sevenich we learned that parental leave IS available to graduate assistants. They are offered the same benefit as faculty and staff. Still a concern that this benefit is not well publicized and students may not be aware of it. Dave will send out a link to the policy.
     ▪ Cecilia raised a similar concern about students who are parents and how “excessive” absences may be seen or handled. Should SHAC make recommendations about what should be considered “excused absences”?
       ▪ Ferd asked Dave to loop back with Sue Warfield before we move forward
   ▪ Occupational Health (Dave)
     ▪ Dave will meet with Joe Klancher of Environmental Health and Safety. They are moving forward with a survey regarding lab safety.
New supervisor, Ken Kerns, would like to meet with SHAC. We’ll arrange that for a future SHAC meeting.

- Survey Demographics (Dave, Cecilia, Char, Lars) next steps
  - John Kellogg and Tom Dohm are enthusiastic about having a standard. They suggested a meeting with IRB representative.
  - Dave also contacted the research committee of the Senate and they will add this to their agenda. Focus on demographics/gender/race.
- U-Pass and Metro Mobility – new request to Parking and Transportation services
  - Disability Resource Center and Social Concerns will add this to their March 23rd agenda. Want to look at the effectiveness of Metro Mobility. We are not alone in this concern.
- Tobacco Sign Update
  - Old signs are coming down. They (Mike B) will contact us once this is complete.
- Sleep Zones (Sky)
  - Sky and Adam not available for update.
- Sexual Assault on Campus MSA
  - Update at next meeting on “No Grey Campaign” and “MN Sex Academy”. Indie will ask MSA to share video with SHAC.
- Student Services Fees Schedule INFORMATION (Carl)
  - Next step is public hearing on Friday, February 27th.
  - Carl encouraged attendance.
  - Key points to stress are thanks for board considerations thus far and prioritizing our requests; important to dispel any false ideas about Gopher Chauffer being just a drunk bus and encouraging drinking.
  - Julie will also draft some talking points to share.

5. SHAC meeting updates
- Indie reminded members that her chair position will be available this spring. We are requesting a 2 year commitment. Voting to occur in April.
- Some concern was shared about the length of the commitment and Indie shared the benefit to chairs having staggered terms.
- New chair will be invited to the ACHA conference in May in Orlando.
- We rescheduled the meeting that would fall during spring break to March 26th.
- Will bring applications to next meeting.

6. Art of Living and their request for brainstormers was mentions. Anyone interested should contact us for more details.

7. Other issues
- Indie shared interested in a vaccination campaign.
- Char shared concern about poor experience with 624-WALK. Bronte believes they are understaffed and likely can’t accommodate assistance the 24/7 that they advertise. We will follow up with UMPD contact and provide update at next meeting.

8. Adjourn
- Indie adjourned the meeting.