

SHAC Minutes
3/5/15

SHAC Members Present: Sonia Berdahl, Char Coal, Sky Handy, Abdi Hassan, Indie Lewis, Alison Miller, Adam Scott, Teddy Skillings, Cecilia Stevens, Bronte Stewart-New, Enoch You

SHAC Members Absent: Kevin Cunningham, Nicholas Goldsmith, Lars Mackenzie, Rachel Mezera, Addie Nelson, Lyndsay Pryor, Apoorva Reddy

Boynnton Staff Present: Tom Bilder, Gary Christenson, Dave Golden, Ben Hickman, Anne Hodgson, Sue Jackson, Julie Sanem, Ferd Schlapper

1. Welcome and Introductions – (Sky & Indie)
2. Review of Minutes from 2.19.14 (Sky)
 - No updates or comments to last month’s meeting minutes
3. 624- WALK (Julie)
 - Julie explained that program is staffed more heavily during evening hours- highly requested times. Off peak times they use supervisor and police as a backup. Explained that riding in the back of a police car is standard procedure due to so much equipment in the front of the car.
 - Justin will come to our next meeting. This will be an opportunity to share any concerns.
4. Campus Safety and Safe U
 - Bronte mentioned concern about the locations along the light rail that appear to be part of the sidewalk and aren’t as obviously an intersection. She would like to see better signage at these locations. Right in the middle of the walkway instead of off to the sides.
 - Julie shared that signs had been up with the introduction of the light rail and we could revisit replacing those signs.
 - Ferd recommends a physical barrier (arm) at these locations. Gary seconds this idea.
 - Abdi admitted to frequently crossing on the red and that a barrier would make him think twice.
 - Unknown whether this is a University decision or a metro transit/city decision.
 - Bronte also mentioned there is some concern about the doors of the train not staying open long enough for people to board which causes another safety concern. Others agree with this being a concern.
 - Ferd encourages us to come up with a summary of concerns/recommendations to present to the right authority when we determine who that is.
 - Gary believes that some media coverage could put more pressure on the right people/departments to make a quick change. Bronte will check with contacts at the MN Daily if our initial efforts aren’t well received.
 - Dave wonders about starting with a letter from SHAC to President Kaler.
 - Indie, Bronte and Ali will take the lead.
5. Parental Leave for Students (Dave, Cecilia, Kevin)
 - Sue Warfield shared concerns that awareness of parental leave is very low among graduate students, awareness among staff and faculty is low which means they cannot encourage people to take parental leave and graduate students themselves feel pressure to work and not take parental leave. COGS (Council of Graduate Students) is working on a student bill of rights and this would be a good venue for SHAC to weight in. This will be sent to us for review and comments.
 - Cecelia wonders if same issues exist for other students specifically undergraduates.
 - Dave will follow up with Sue about this question.
6. Occupational Health (Dave)
 - Currently doing an assessment of the lab. Once second part of assessment (data collection) is complete, they would like to come present to SHAC. Ken Kerns is the Assistant Vice President of University Health and Safety.
7. Survey Demographics (Dave, Cecilia, Char, Bronte, Indie)
 - Meeting scheduled for March 25th
 - Sonia wonders if there could be an easy way to insert demographics into Qualtrics. Believes people want to be inclusive but may not know how.
 - Create at least a minimum standard for demographics
 - External surveys would likely be problematic but could we mandate for any new survey, any onsite surveys?
 - Aurora Center currently leaves blanks for people to mark what is most appropriate but general agreement is that this causes trouble for data collection
 - Comment from Sonia about the “male, female or something else” as feeling off putting (pharmacy survey). Group generally agrees this doesn’t feel right/appropriate
8. U-Pass, Metro Mobility & Para Transit (Dave, Abdi)

- Biggest concern is same day requests are nearly impossible
 - Metro mobility is a larger issue because this is outside the University. Unusual to get a ride with less than a weeks notice. Parking and Transportation Services would be very interested in SHAC recommendations and to partner with us to make changes along with the disability resource center. Next step is to meet with these groups to put together recommendations.
 - Abdi will help with this initiative
9. Sexual Assault on Campus MSA
- Minimum sanctions resolution in process to set more strict consequences for persons found guilty of sexual assault
 - Bronte indicated a video will be coming out next month
 - Sonia will get information about affirmative consent moving forward on campus and campaigns
10. Student Services Fees Schedule INFORMATION
- Final deliberations at Coffman room 323, March 6th.
 - Ferd shared political context that tuition is in a freeze, the president is experiencing pressure to not increase fees. It is unknown if this will come up during deliberations tomorrow or after the final deliberations.
11. Dental Services
- Sue explains the current plan is being reviewed. Students can currently choose to enroll, not mandatory. Office is currently working on negotiations.
 - Gary asks to this group if this is something SHAC wants to discuss making mandatory. More members may reduce premium
 - Julie asks if those who don't have our plan likely don't have dental coverage at all or if they have coverage through someone else. Sue states that the majority just don't have it.
 - Char noted that poor dental health can lead to medical issues and also that the dental school has lower costs but Abdi's experience is that this is a longer wait.
 - Come back to this discussion next time.
12. SHAC meeting updates
- Indie reminded members that their chair position will be available this spring.
 - No meeting over spring break. Next meeting March 26th.
13. Adjourn
- Indie adjourned the meeting