

Student Health Advisory Committee Meeting

October 17, 2013

Present: Rachel Drake, Kathryn Pawley, Jamie Piepenburg, Cecilia Stevens, Tim Bell, Char Coal, Heidi Rieck, Jaclyn Theisen, Marguerite Tuthill, Peter Okwerekwu, Kevin Cunningham, and Sky Handy.

Absent: Surra Asfaw, Luqman Lawal, and Sue Jackson

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

Welcome and Intro- Rachel and Kathryn:

- The chairs welcomed the members and intros followed

Minutes:

- The minutes of the October 3 meeting were approved as submitted

Review SHAC Membership:

Representation from the following organizations need to be filled:

- Kevin Cunningham will represent IFC
- Panhellenic Council– no word yet.
- Sky Handy is representing QSCC
- At- Large positions are filled
- Surra Asfaw, RHA representative , will be contacted regarding his interest in serving on SHAC

SHAC Focus for 2013-14:

- After members contacted their constituents, they submitted their rankings. The top 3 topics to cover this academic year are:
 - Safety Issues related to lightrail
 - Formation of a peer group focusing on mental health issues
 - Bike Safety

Steps to take to address each topic

- Safety Issues related to the lightrail
 - A representative from the Metropolitan Safety Council will attend the November 7 meeting to discuss safety measures and communication campaigns that are or will be in place .It was suggested that members speak with their constituents and come prepared with a list of questions .
- Formation of a Peer Group focusing on Mental Health

- Arrange for designated space in the dorms where students can meet with the peer group
 - A University Task Force has been meeting to discuss a peer advocate program and others options to widen resources an access for care
 - MSA is looking into the possibility of implementing a one-credit on-line course related to mental health review for freshmen similar to the Alcohol edu course implemented for freshmen this fall.
 - The Task Force will keep SHAC informed of any updates.
 - Char Coal will be the SHAC representative on this task force.
 - Contact other colleges to see what programs they have in place addressing this issue.
 - Hope is to implement a pilot program spring semester
- Bike Safety
 - Determine what policies are in place
 - The University Police are cracking down and issuing \$98.00 tickets to riders who do not follow the rules.
 - Bike safety campaign focusing on the importance of wearing a helmet and other safety measures
 - Check to see how other campuses address the bike safety issue

Updates:

- New member orientation
 - Orientation to SHAC for new members is scheduled for Thursday, October 24. New members will be sent to new members
- Saturday House
 - Carl distributed and reviewed a graph showing the usage of Saturday urgent care visits.
 - Only 1.5% of the eligible population utilize thisd service.
 - It is estimated that we loose about \$30,000 a year by offering this service.
 - SHAC members interested in working on the fees request will be involved in further discussions regarding Saturday hours.
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- Cirque De-Stress
 - Will be held Tuesday, October 22 in the Great Hall at Coffman
 - Members were asked to inform their constituents of this event and encourage them to attend.
 - In addition to the excitement of a circus there will be resources and information on balance and handling stress
 - Gary will be on Kare 11 Monday morning highlighting the event.

Other:

- Lauren brought up a concern regarding maternity/paternity leaves for grad students.
- What is the academic policy and what can students do to address this issue?
- Carl will help to identify a resource person to answer questions.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Uchal