

Student Health Advisory Committee

09/15/16

SHAC Members Present: Abdi Hassan, Abyan Abdisalam, Aisha Hassan, Ali Miller, Anna Mirkin, Char Coal, Dane Thompson, Enoch Kan, Jordan Abhold, Maddie Phelps, Nicholas Goldsmith, Sai Wang, , Sam Wondimu, Shayna Jurrens, Siham Abdellah

Boynton Staff Present: Carl Anderson, Dave Golden, Ben Hickman, Anne Hodgson, Sue Jackson.

1. Welcome and Introductions – (Abdi & Char)
2. Review of Minutes from 5.5.2016 (Abdi)
 - No changes.
3. Reviewed the mission of SHAC
4. Review platforms of MSA, COGS, PSG
 - COGS- Mental health/mental illness, graduate students who are parents (restrooms, lactation spaces, parent support group)
 - MSA- Mental health, disability, free menstrual care products
 - PSG- interprofessional education, student wellness (mental health), diversity (hiring and recruitment)
5. Announcements & updates
 - New member orientation, Thursday September 29th
 - Gopher Chauffeur paratransit services, staff will be training and this will be available this semester
 - Paint the Bridge- next Thursday & Friday- request for volunteers. Abdi will send a follow-up email.
 - Voluntary Student Dental Plan RFP- Every 6 years we go out for bid on insurance plans. Dental plan is up this year. We would like student input in this process and Sue asks about interest to participate in this process. Interested persons can contact Sue Jackson through Anne. Current vendor is MetLife.
 - Indoor Tan-Free Skin Smart Campus Initiative. An initiative that is asking campuses to have a policies in place stating they will not advertise/support apartments who offer free tanning, do things to discourage tanning beds near and around campus. There is strong research to indicate tanning puts people at high risk of skin cancer.
 - Boynton Events:
 - I. Make Time to PAWS, October 27th at the Great Hall. PAWS animals, stress reduction activities. All are invited to attend and spread the word.
 - II. Lunar New Year Celebration, January 27th. A celebration to support social interaction and celebrate an event that isn't tied to Judeo Christian holidays. Enoch Kan may be interested in joining the planning committee.
 - Absence note policy
 - I. Carl provides update. Boynton is generating up to 100 notes a day. There is support from Provost to change the policy for faculty to not request absence notes for single incident absences. Insert the word reoccurring into the policy so that only prolonged absences/illnesses will require a note.
6. For next year, consider projects you and your constituents want addressed
 - Old
 - BHS & SCS- what to expect
 - Lab safety
 - Oral health on campus
 - PrEP & PEP
 - Metro Mobility
 - Absence note policy
 - Food insecurities
 - Mental health
 - New
 - Accessibility
 - Mental health
 - Equity for gender and sexuality (lactation spaces, gender neutral bathrooms, etc)
 - Rentals
 - Diversity, inclusivity
 - Prayer and meditation space

- Lists of quiet space, meditation rooms etc. Could be benefit to DSCC
- Conversations on/around mental illness (most conversations use the term mental health), utilization of language
- Mental illness support groups
- Healthy food options on campus, obesity issues, nutrition
- Sexual violence on campus, partnering with Aurora

7. Dave proposes a SHAC retreat to help us hammer down our priorities.

8. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 6th