

SCAPE-October 1, 2009

Present: Monica Smalls, George Vanderzwaag, Ryan Mills, John Milks, Alissa Brill, Bhargav Chandrashekar, Rob Snyder, Laurel Contomanolis, Morgan Levy, Matt Burns, Melissa Kelley, Linda Dudman

Topics Discussed:

- Social Host Training Evaluation
 - UHS reported that weekly times were set for training to make it more organized, (trainings now held Tues, Thurs evenings and Sat 2-4). Changes to training have been made to reflect changes to policy, next step is to include more practical advice. A sub-committee of the SCAPE members will start to evaluate SH training (Alyssa, Ryan, and Melissa)
 - Student reported during SA meeting that they felt that SH training isn't well publicized. UHS doesn't typically announce trainings because those groups that need it do request it. Discussion on whether publicizing makes sense.
 - Suggested mentioning availability of trainings at the beginning SA meeting so that group leaders know about (Eric Weissman can help set this up)
 - Discussion on necessity of publicizing trainings and resources of UHS
 - Discussion on SH training for off-campus groups.
- Event registration process overview
 - revisions: to be discussed at the next SCAPE meeting
- Drug Free Schools Act:
 - SCAPE needs to compile a biennial review of the drug/ alcohol policy and have a draft done by mid-October

Harm reduction strategy is discussed

- SCAPE goes through the 32 point list of what is being done at the college so far
- Morgan will send an e-mail to each office responsible for a program and have them look at what is being done and see whether or not it is effective; Morgan will send Wesleyan document electronically to the group

- Should the departments who implement the programs be responsible for writing their own certain sections? Yes because they will know the answers better than anyone else
 - When to expect the reports back? Before or on Monday, October 12th it needs to be submitted
 - Melissa and Linda will organize this-people should send the information to them to help compile
- What are the harms that come result from alcohol use? (violence, theft, etc.)
 - SCAPE has an idea about the harms associated with alcohol use on our campus-discussion about whether we want to canvas the community to find other ideas.
 - “People on the Street” questioning: have people go around and asking students their views; student more likely to open up to students (Greek groups, upper and lower level classes, sports teams); we may want the first thing that comes to mind when they answer but also we may want a more in-depth thought provoking response- students should be asking the questions
 - Focus Groups: Should we have a graduate student conduct these focus groups? We want to have someone trained in doing focus groups b/c it is a structured group, but a graduate student might not garner the desired responses from students
 - Survey the people who see the harms (RA’s, security, MERT, presidents of frats. and sororities)

Focus groups: tremendous amount of work and staffing; have a quick, on the street questions to ask (have group brainstorm some questions to bring back to the SCAPE group)

Next meeting: Thursday, October 8th at 1pm