

SCAPE November 12, 2009

Present: Morgan Levy, Melissa Schmidt, Linda Dudman, Jason Alben, Melissia Kelley, Ryan Mills, Matt Burns, Monica Smalls, Mike Kemp-Schneider, Laurel Contomanolis, Bhargav Chandrashekar, George VanderZwaag

Morgan: We need to confirm meeting minutes. They will be posted on Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS) website under policies section in the coming weeks. There are no concerns over the minutes. They'll be posted after talking w/ Dawn Bruner (she works on the website for ODOS).

General: The students introduced to Mike Kemp-Schneider of the University Counseling Center (UCC).

Morgan: There is an RA candidate for next semester but no athletics representative or Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) representative yet.

Drug Free Schools Act

Linda: Information is all in the binder. SCAPE should look at program strengths and weaknesses. Linda could pull out all the recommendations and bring it to the SCAPE.

Morgan: 12/3 meeting is when SCAPE will do a more thorough review of the recommendations and program strengths and weaknesses. Linda will get the document out a week ahead of time for SCAPE members to review.

Student Questions (On The Street Interviews)

Morgan: How is the on the street questioning process coming?

Ryan: We need more time to complete them because of time of the semester.

Bhargav: When interviewing students, they just wanted to see the questions rather than having him ask the questions. They felt they could write it out easier than telling the answers.

Ryan: There were a lot of silly answers and students were not taking it seriously.

Jason: Some students are hesitant because they feel that the information will adversely affect them. They are afraid that it will influence new policy or affect their social life. (*Jason has been responding that it's anonymous*).

Morgan: The end date for these surveys will be Wednesday, November 18th. All the information should be turned in to Matt Srodawa (Wilson Commons 510).

Data Collection

Morgan: Looked at last week's notes and made notes on the criteria that the committee came up with to assess what's being done (i.e. looking at BASICS data, Security data, MERT data)

Ryan: Wants to discuss MERT data. The factors that would affect people calling MERT wouldn't come from the MERT data, but would be more fear related.

Matt: We are looking at a broad spectrum of data and not just MERT data.

Ryan: Doesn't see how the alcohol policy would change by calling MERT

Jason: People would be less likely to call if they knew we were looking through MERT data

Morgan: We should look at the MERT data but be careful. We should also look at all kinds of data.

Matt: All data points will be looked at and not just MERT data or security reports.

Moving on to discuss other areas where we can collect data:

Laurel: We should use information from Student Activities (WCSA) of the events happening on Friday or Saturday nights and look at if these events are drawing people from parties with alcohol

Matt: We can look at the major weekends and see what how many disciplinary cases there were.

Morgan: Confirmed that major weekends are Meliora weekend, Yellowjacket weekend, Winterfest weekend, Spring Showtime

Laurel: We should also account busy weekends and not just the major event weekends (i.e. what WCSA puts out on the weekend highlights)-but also weekends where there are a lot of group activities

Linda: We can look at orientation weekend

Matt: We can look at how many events are for orientation and also how many security reports are generated

Melissia: Has a chart that lists most events that are registered w/ WCSA. It is broken down by month. All 2008-2009 is done and September 2009 is almost done and so is October 2009. Come January 2010 all of it should be done for the fall 2009 semester.

Monica: For Fraternity & Sorority Affairs (FSA), it's on a programming sheet but it's not all tracked

Matt: We should chart out all the information (events, security reports, MERT data, disciplinary cases) for the 2008-2009 year to see what last year looked like.

Melissia: In addition to the chart, there is a color coded calendar that WCSA uses. We can look at last year calendar to see what might not have been captured on the chart.

Morgan: Get all that information pulled and have some people to work on the data (Matt, Jason). Maybe some of the Graduate Assistants (GA's) might be able to help with this as well.

Matt: We should look at data from events in FSA, WCSA, security reports, Responsible Plea Options (RPO's) in ODOS, and party registrations from September 2008 to May 2009. We should have the information charted by days if possible.

Morgan: Those that have data should get together with those putting together the data together to see what format works best.

Melissia: Senior nights are not on the spreadsheet. WCSA has some information from the bar bus registrations.

Linda: We should also look at Athletic event information (sports schedules)

George: Can pull sports schedules but just needs to know how to pull it (day, month, etc.).

Morgan: Another area we discussed gathering information from is focus groups with students, what about with staff members as well?

Monica: We should plan for focus groups in the spring 2010. For the fall 2009, we should start the conversation about it

Morgan: Other places to get information could be from the parent perspectives, do we need it?

Monica: It may be useful to get their perspective but it may not be that effective in informing us

Bhargav: seems irrelevant

Laurel: Parents information is usually 2nd and 3rd hand information

Mike: It could be helpful because they have the students before they get here and they impact their kids. He isn't sure how we would use the information.

Morgan: We can ask parents what types of conversations they have with their students before they get here. How are they preparing their students for having access to alcohol?

Jason: Transparency of alcohol policy for student body would be useful so that they know the real policy and not what they've heard from friends

Matt: Useful for a parent's perspective. We can see what message they are saying to the students.

Laurel: Ask parents some questions to get their perspectives.

Monica: Should we have a parent on the committee?

Jason: No

Morgan: Should have Dawn (Director of Parent Relations) on the committee to help represent parents?

Jason: We should look at drinking during high school of the students.

Morgan: Parents might not have the best information about their student's drinking in high school.

Linda: Students report about their drinking in high school during the survey sent out from Health Promotion

Mike: It's not a bad idea to put the information on the parents table.

Linda: We could look at parental notification to see if it's had an impact (right now there isn't enough data since only a few notifications have been sent out).

Morgan: Could be some value in doing this but how?

Monica: Involve Lis Bischoff-Ormsbee (Director of Parents Program) and Dawn Bruner (Director of Parent Relations).

General: Develop questions to send to parents and put it in the weekly buzz (Laurel, Mike, Morgan) for them to answer and have them log onto a survey to complete it.

New projects

Bhargav: Reoccurring theme, should the alcohol policy be sent to all students to read?

Linda: Have different parts (of the alcohol policy) in the weekly buzz

Morgan: Linda and Bhargav will start working on this and bring it back to SCAPE

Matt: Look at faculty and staff perspective. Ask those same questions to all groups (parents, faculty and staff).

Monica: Start looking at core survey to faculty, staff and parents

Morgan: Laurel, Mike, Linda, Dawn, Morgan to start looking at core survey data. Morgan will set up 1st meeting of this group

Linda: What areas are we missing?

Social Host Trainings

Melissia: Social host trainings will be revamped, but it won't take place this semester.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 3rd, 2009 in Wilson Commons 121

Project Updates

Communicating the Alcohol Policy: Bhargav and Linda will take the lead.

Next Step: Linda to set up meeting with Bhargav

Surveying Faculty/Staff and Parents: Linda, Mike, Morgan, Laurel, Dawn

Next Step: Morgan will set up meeting with the group plus Lis Bischoff-Ormsbee

Collecting Event Data: Matt and Jason.

Next Step: Morgan will set up meeting with Matt, Jason, George, Monica, Melissia, AJ, Morgan and Matt Srodawa to discuss data format. (i.e., events by date, year, etc.)

“On the Street” Questioning: All student SCAPE reps

Next Step: students will submit complete surveys to 510 WC by 5PM on Wednesday, November 18th at 5PM

Review of Social Host Training: Melissa, Ryan and Alyssa

Next Step: Melissa is making changes to training, will share info about changes to the program early next semester

DFSA: Linda and Melissa

Next Step: Linda will send out the document to SCAPE before 12/3 meeting and we will discuss strengths/weakness and recommendations @ that (and future) meetings