

SCAPE- December 03, 2009

Present: Linda Dudman, Morgan Levy, Monica Smalls, Melissa Kelley, John Milks, Ryan Mills, Alissa Brill, Bhargav Chandrashekar, Laurel Contomanolis, George VanderZwaag

General Housekeeping Items

Morgan: Meeting minutes discussed, are they okay to post? Any concerns about the minutes should be sent to Morgan within the next two days. They were sent out after the last meeting. They haven't been posted online yet but are on the to-do list. We want to look at next semesters meeting time particularly for the students? Jason and Alissa have class at this time. Ryan is unsure. John has a class at this time as well. Next SCAPE meeting we'll see what dates/ times work for everyone. We'll try to do that work before next week's meeting. Next week is the last SCAPE meeting of the semester.

Monica: For scheduling for Monica, work with Sue to see her availability

Melissa: have the meeting start on an even hour and not 12:45 because she schedules meetings on the hour and has to leave a previous meeting early to be at SCAPE.

Morgan: It's possible that we will not find a time that accommodates everyone's schedules so it may turn out that that person may have to send a representative from their area and we can talk about that process but first we'll look at schedules to see what we can do.

Drug Free Schools Act

Morgan: Last time we met we talked about how we would send out the document to the group and we'd start looking at it after meeting with Linda and seeing all the information that's there. It seems like it is a bit too much and would take too much time for this committee to discuss given the size of this report. Therefore Morgan and Linda think that it makes more sense for a sub-committee to look at this document, pull everything together, look at the recommendations and then comes back to this group (SCAPE) to talk about what recommendations we think we should focus on. We'd look at all the recommendations but highlight those we think are do-able. Who is interested on being on that sub-committee? Linda, Melissa, Morgan, students (next semester)

Ryan: What is the timeline for this?

Morgan: I don't know, right now we have a document in case anyone asks- we would be in compliance if anyone did ask. We need to work on it more so that it best reflects what we do and gives careful consideration to those recommendations. It's a good question, do we want to have a deadline?

Linda: Are you thinking of having this done over break?

Ryan: For me it's tough because I have no time before I leave this semester, but if it was extended beyond this semester I could do it

Linda: Would you feel okay if we started some work on it over break because it's going to take us some time (13 pages of 1 document, 5 of another) but we could get started now and then bring it back to the committee what needs to be brought back. Would that be okay to do without students over the break? We're not saying it would be all done though, but would you be okay with it?

John: Busy over break with sports

Linda: Most students are going to be gone over break anyways.

Morgan: We need to work on it and not let it sit around until next semester. In mid-January after our first meeting we can include the students if there are any that want to jump back in.

Feedback from the on the street questioning

Summary of the results are distributed to the group, the summary was also sent to the members

Morgan: Of the 300 surveys, we only got 30 back so not that useful of a sample. It was interesting information to look through. Did anyone get a chance to look through the summary? [At least one person skimmed over it.] Discuss what might be useful here. For me: the answer to the question "what do you believe the risks are from drinking on campus" was interesting because "getting caught" was the highest response. It's good information for us to know as we are talking about the policy. Morgan and Matt Burns were talking about when Linda and Bhargav send out the information about the alcohol policy, they have a theme about it's not about getting caught or getting in trouble or something along those lines. Emphasize the harm reduction philosophy and have that part of each and every message that goes out about the different aspects of the policy. The 1st message could be this is our harm reduction philosophy and the next message could be how this policy falls within our harm reduction policy. Have an overarching theme that getting students in trouble is not the point of the policies. Not surprised about the result stating how alcohol could negatively affect people. An interesting response about the negative aspects of drinking was weight gain.

Alissa: In terms of where, most people said in the dorms is where the most drinking was as opposed to the fraternity quad

Morgan: That statement [Alissa's] is not really shocking to me

Ryan: Thought most students did not take it seriously

Alissa: Wasn't sure if the students were clear on the questions like who to call

Morgan: One of the concerns we had was that people may not know who to call if they needed help for someone in an intoxicated state and it seems like most of them did. 26 people know

when to call, 7 know who to call. There could have been a different way to word a question (do you know how to call, instead of who to call)

Alissa: what if they aren't near a blue phone how would they know?

John: It's printed on the back of the ID's

Monica: Depends on who is calling, if the person calling is also drunk it could matter

Morgan: I feel like that phone number (who to call for help) is kind of prevalent around here

Alissa: Hard thing is that within all the documents we (students) get, they have only an extension like x34567. I always forget that it's 585-275..., so when I got here I had no idea what x34567 was.

Linda: This is one of the things we are starting to change around

Monica: On the courtesy phones in the dorms the full number is now being posted. They made it a point to include the whole number because students, more often than not are coming in to the U of R who are not from Rochester with cell phones from their home.

Morgan: One useful thing about these questions is that biggest concerns were about getting caught

Bhargav: Upsetting that one of the comments was that I'd rather take my chances then call Security

Monica: The fact that they realize the bad decision making and how it affects their schoolwork makes me wonder, so if that's known then why do they then make the decision to get drunk and get to that point. How do you recognize when to stop before it gets to that point if you know you could get to that point. We're not a campus that is going to become a dry campus but if you're going to...

Bhargav- I think they need a slap on the risk. For the most part we (MERT) don't see the same person over and over again. There are frequent flyers but for the most part we don't see the same people. We are in college and as an administration we can only do so much.

Morgan: Being transported by MERT for the 1st time might be a 'come to God moment' for some. They have this huge expense they have to deal with; they have to talk to their parents. I feel that is impactful but most students don't have that experience, which is a good thing. To some extent it is a developmental issue. The fact that so many people's main concern was getting in trouble shows the lack of complexity with which students are thinking about this issue. It's a more complex issue than this a rule and you shouldn't do this and it seems students the students who responded to these questions were really only focused on getting caught and in trouble. Students who responded are more concerned with consequence than thinking about

what was the purpose behind it the rule and what is our overall philosophy, which is why getting our harm reduction philosophy out there is important.

Linda- Do we have a blurb that has the harm reduction philosophy, have you (Morgan) already written something?

Morgan: I have not written something. Nancy Reynolds may have had something about it, I'm sure we could find it.

Linda: Linda will look for something written about the harm reduction philosophy. It would be helpful for the committee to see a description.

Morgan: It would be useful to put the philosophy in our mission when we are talking about the SCAPE committee. This is the charge of the committee; these are harm reduction philosophies it operates under.

Monica: Was there an article specifically about SCAPE in the CT?

Morgan: Unsure

Monica: Maybe there should be an article about our harm reduction philosophy.

Bhargav: It would be good PR to do an article about SCAPE. The administration would get a lot less complaints about there not being students input because there is student input. It would be good to put a blurb in the CT along with the harm reduction philosophies. It would be an article.

Morgan: Purchasing space in the CT to put an article would be useful. Who wants to take the lead on that article or do we need to wait until we get that harm reduction statement?

Monica: I think we should wait until we have a harm reduction philosophy but should start thinking about it. Monica would be willing to help with this article for next semester.

Bhargav: Has some MERT statistics- (January 2009 -now): 220 total reports, 109 done thus far and approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ are for intoxication. The statistician has it broken down by residence hall as well.

Ryan: This is warm weather data so when the winter comes you'll see a difference.

Laurel: There is plenty of cold weather data.

Bhargav: Out of the 25 people for intoxication thus far, 21 went to the hospital. (10 female, 14 male)

Morgan: Do you have a sense of when they'll be completed?

Bhargav: He (the statistician) will work on them over winter break. He's probably going to have them finished by January.

Morgan: Once they are completed, e-mail them out to the group.

Alissa: Feels that we should consider last academic year's data.

Morgan: This is a conversation for that sub-group who will be looking at data; what we want to collect and where we want to collect it from. Dean Burns will be heading up that smaller group to look at data but had a meeting at this time so he isn't able to be here today. Maybe we can switch into that (sub-groups) and start splitting up in to the smaller groups to work on the projects. We wanted to take this time to get the groups together to start thinking where you need to go with your project. You may not get too far but this could be an opportunity for everyone to get together and see what they are going to do in their smaller groups and more importantly, find a time that you can meet to discuss it. Anything else people want to bring up? [No]

Sub-Groups Morgan has listed are:

Communicating the Alcohol Policy- Bhargav, Linda, Melissa

Surveying Faculty, Staff & Parents- Mike Kemp-Schneider, Morgan, Laurel, Linda, Dawn
(Dawn has a meeting at this time so she couldn't be here)

Collecting Data- Dean Burns, Jason Alben, Monica Smalls, Melissia, George VanderZwaag, Alena Johnson

- Monica and George are going to wait for Dean Burns to discuss the data collection. He will have Gail set up a meeting.

Social Host Training: Done for now according to Melissa and Linda

Drug Free Schools Act: Morgan & Linda will meet at another time to discuss this

Morgan: Does it make sense to meet now since people are missing?

Some of the people who are present will be meeting.

Mercy Calls

Bhargav: What about a student who is intoxicated who calls in their friend, what is the policy?

Morgan: We don't usually know know state of person calling. We get a report of the person transported, unless they get into an argument with Security. We have had situations where a student is intoxicated and calls Security and they find out their friend has to be transported, so the caller becomes angry about this and gets into an argument and then we'll hold them accountable but our main concern is the person who is transported.

Bhargav: Has the idea of a mercy call ever come up?

Morgan: It has and we've talked around and around it. We kind of have already have this with the 2nd chance program. It's giving students a chance to learn from the experience without having any formal disciplinary action on their record. There is some debate in the health education field about whether or not it's effective in changing behavior.

Monica- The social host event registration taskforce, which has students in 2007-2008, was talked about and we realized it was the second chance program that we already have. The students in that conversation were satisfied with what second chance does.

Linda: Are you asking because students aren't calling because of that?

Bhargav: Got a call from Cornell who has mercy calls program. Even if your friends are intoxicated you can call and there is no liability.

Morgan: When the taskforce instituted 2nd chance it was because of this. We didn't want students not calling because they were afraid of getting in trouble. There was a thought that we would see a huge increase in numbers once we instituted 2nd chance because students would no longer be concerned with getting in trouble and would be more likely to call. We've seen that this isn't the case. Concern about getting in trouble didn't seem like the thing that was influencing students' decisions regarding whether to call or not call, although it may influence a few students.

Melissa: In the past 2nd chance could have been administered differently depending on the administrator who was hearing the case. It's at the discretion of the administrator who is handling the issue. There could have been differences depending how it's handled by a particular administrator.

Morgan: There aren't as many discrepancies in how it is administered anymore. We're now on the same page.

Melissa: Was talking about the past and why there may not have been a difference in the numbers.

Morgan: In the beginning, 2nd chance was used very broadly and then it started to be used more inconsistently and now we're getting it back to be more consistent.

Alissa: There is second chance for individuals, how about for the fraternity houses?

Morgan: There isn't. It is something that has come up in the past. I think it's different. Having a group serving alcohol to individuals is different from someone who is calling for a friend who is intoxicated.

Monica: Even if a group calls to get that student assistance, the group may not face charges because they did the right thing. This year we have around 3 groups who had events at a

fraternity house and they didn't get in trouble. When that happens to them and they realize that there is no negative disciplinary action, they are more proactive to call.

Bhargav: I don't think they know that. I think they are scared about calling anybody.

Morgan: The consequences if they don't call are so much more significant. If we find out that you had someone in your house who was really intoxicated and needed assistance and you didn't because you were afraid of coming in and having a meeting with me that's going to be much worse for your organization than if you call. It's different for each situation. The situations this year, the person who was intoxicated either didn't drink at the fraternity house or drank a significant amount at their own residence that it wasn't their activity at the house that got them in the situation, it was what they did before hand.

Bhargav: Thinks it would be important to put a blurb about this in the CT. If you're holding an event on the fraternity quad you should call.

Linda: Curious to know how if the students know about 2nd chance?

Bhargav: Heard of it. Knows there is a web part or BASICS.

Morgan: There are different options. Second chance is the disciplinary program and then are different educational interventions that you may get assigned to under 2nd chance. It would be important to highlight that in the blurb.

Linda: If you don't know about the program then you don't know how it might impact you and your behavior.

Morgan- small group will meet and SCAPE will meet next week. And the groups will be able to set something up for next week. Minutes will be sent on Monday.