Student Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2012

Present: Michelle Volz, Buchi Akpeh, Reece Quensel, Ashley Artman, Devyn Coveyou, David Nedrelow, and Jewon Woo.

Guests: Dave Golden, Carl Anderson, Ferd Schlapper, Sue Jackson and Tom Bilder

Update on House Bill:

• Ferd and Carl attended the House & Senate conference committee hearing regarding the language in the hard waiver bill. The language was made stronger in terms that everything must be waived and all criteria was eliminated from waiver consideration.
• Questions were asked regarding the intent and whether or not we were just trying to protect enrollment in the plan which was refuted. The intent is to be sure that students have adequate health care coverage. Boynton administration provided testimony on the challenges this language would create and stories of students struggling with large bills, etc. It was alluded to the fact that the house and senate have recognized the importance and needs of our students in the past.
• After a short recess, the bill was passed.
• BHS Administration is still analyzing the impact of this change. Does the language conflict with any other statues and does it put us in any legal contradiction with any other statue?
• There are some issues with International students on a J 1 Visa. There are some stricter guidelines with these students so they would have to comply under a different standard. Our staff will meet with the Academic Health Center to discuss this issue.

Election of 2012/13 Office:

• Devyn Goetsch and Rachel Drake were nominated to serve as next year’s co-chairs
• The nomination for Devyn passed unanimously
• The nomination for Rachel also passed unanimously

Thursday Morning Meetings:

• Effective Thursday, August 30, Boynton will be closed from 8 to 9 am for departmental meetings.
• The hope is to reduce the number of meetings held during the week and increase appointment availability.
• Good communication regarding this closure is key.

Membership – 2012/13

• Current members not returning next year were reminded to find a replacement from their organization and keep the co-chairs informed.
Member Feedback:

- Members were asked what they like best about serving on SHAC. Topics mentioned include:
  - Tobacco free campus
  - Learned more about BHS and how they work to inform their constituents about specific issues
  - Learned more about insurance which enabled them to inform their constituents so they better understand their coverage.

Have a great summer

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Uchal