

2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee: Student Health
Academic Year Covered by Report: 2014-2015
Date Report Submitted: May 12, 2015
Report Submitted by: Leah Arnett – Acting Chair
Number of times committee met: Three (Once in the Fall and twice in the Spring)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The members of the committee met a total of three times during the 2014-2015 year. We were faced with a number of challenges including lack of response and attendance by members who had expressed an interest in and been appointed. This resulted in the lack of a chair since none of the members were able to serve due to time constraints. Leah Arnett, Director of Student Health, served as Acting Chair. Members who were present and consistent in attendance and participation are unfortunately rotating off this year. All but two faculty members are scheduled to rotate off the membership roster. .
Recommendations for change are noted in a separate section below.

Recommendations of the committee:

1. In addition to serving in an advisory capacity, the committee suggests engaging committee members in assisting with focus groups and/or brainstorming on issues of concerns that Student Health Services (SHS) and the Counseling Center (CC) would like to know more about – for example: student utilization; preferences for types of services.
2. Committee members want to be active and helpful – recommendations were made for inclusion in outreach events as appropriate – PackaPalooza; brickyard events; ideas for marketing services – tap into the expertise of the members.
3. Change membership and request from University leadership that members be held accountable for attending and participating in the group – serving as chairs and co-chairs may be included as participation if needed. The membership roster currently has 14 members and 3 ex-officio members. Recommend that this be shorted to no more than 10 rotating members on a staggered rotation so all do not depart at once.
4. Keep committee updated on status of SHS and CC (this is currently being done)
5. Continue collaboration on campus with campus partners and work toward common goals of supporting students.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

1. Reviewed new services being delivered by SHS and CC including outreach on campus.
2. Discussed and obtained input from members on insurance renewals for SHIP and Post Doc / GSSP plans. Member feedback conveyed to UNC GA during insurance calls.
3. Discussed space needs and move to Centennial for CC and Dental services. Options for additional space was acknowledged and strongly supported for both immediate and longer term needs.
4. Addressed mental health needs and need for additional staff, interns, and training program to meet professional standards and ratios in the mental health field.
5. Discussed need and plan for additional types of specialists. Recommendations for Dermatology, Endocrinology and Cardiac.
6. Overall growth of both departments discussed and recommendations for subsequent funding to support both SHS and CC services.
7. Involvement of committee members – become more engaged and hold members accountable for attendance and participation. Recommendation from faculty member to discuss with Provost.
8. Budget needs and student health fee process for requests of new dollars. Overall review of high level budget provided and SHS push to generate additional revenue from new services.

RECOMMENDATION FOR REVISION OF CHARGE AND MEMBERSHIP CONFIGURATION

Based on feedback the recommendations are:

1. **Review the current charge to Committee.** Due to separation of the Counseling Center and Student Health Services from one department to two several years ago, we recommend reviewing the current charge. Consider a change that includes allowing the committee to **Educate, Empower and Enact** meaningful changes on campus as it pertains to the overall health and well- being of the campus community.
 - a. Provide faculty support and comprehensive training on the impact to academics when mental and physical health declines. Educate and empower faculty how to manage/intervene within current policy. This should be for all current and incoming faculty and we recommend on-going training.

- b. Review and assist in the planning recommendations for continuation of academic classes in the event of a public health concern that closes the campus or college department. (USGA Outreach, Faculty Connections).
 - c. Conduct focus groups to obtain feedback from students, staff and faculty about campus health climate and services.
 - d. Participate in outreach events to show unity and provide insight/feedback to CC and SHS.
 - e. Provide feedback from represented groups on changes in insurance plan – RFP scheduled for 16/17 year coverage.
2. Reduce the number of appointed members. Total current membership including XONV – 17. Recommending total membership of 13 as follows:
- a. Two SHS members: Director and one staff member (XONV)
 - b. One GSSP staff member (XONV)
 - c. Four faculty members (to include one from School of Psychology/Social Work and one from Faculty Senate)
 - d. Four Students (combined 2 graduate and 2 undergraduate to include representation from Student Government or Student Senate)
 - e. Two Vet School representatives (staff and/or student)

Thank you for the opportunity to report out this year's work by the University Health Committee.