

OSU-Okmulgee Presidents' Roundtable Minutes

April 4, 2007

Student Union Citizens Room

Present: Matt Davis and Joseph Davis, ACR; Bekki Harjo and Casey Campbell, ADDA; Bill Martin and Sagar Master, AITP; Jamae Eakins and Fred Norman, BCM; Angie Been and Brian Elam, CMI; Felix Cuellar and Stefan Swaggerty, C³; James McCullough and Jose Rivas, FAD; Brian Webster and Michael Grob, Horology; Art Visconti and Phil Hill, ISA; Kenton Morrow, PTK; Mary Bell, R.E.B.E.L.; Melanie Champion, Bo Hudson and James Thye, RHA; Devin DeBock, Residential Life; Todd Anderson and Charles Young, SkillsUSA VICA; Mary Graves and Sara Van Eaton, SGA; Leah Torbett and Josh King, SNA; Kristy Walker and Ashley Roberts, guests; and Bruce Force, Kevin Montequ, Steven Rubert and Doreen White, Student Life.

Meeting called to order at 11:42 a.m.

Bruce Force welcomed first time attendees to the Presidents' Roundtable and asked them to introduce themselves: Mary Graves, SGA and Bekki Harjo, ADDA.

Force made some announcements and reminders:

- Please continue to remember to get your paperwork in on time.
- Dr. Avant must bless any club events and activities scheduled during Dead Week other than regularly scheduled meetings.
- Are there any club officers present who will graduate this month? Phil Hill, ISA and Megan Wilhite (via Mary Graves). Applause ensued.

Force then introduced Kristy Walker, Counseling and Access Services Director, who stated her office is in the Donald W. Reynolds Technology Center, down from Admissions and Student Financial Aid. She and Ashley Roberts are here today to speak about a three-year grant suicide prevention recently awarded to OSU-Okmulgee. The grant was awarded not because OSU-Okmulgee has a problem in this area. We do not currently have a suicide crisis on campus. The funding to help finance programs for issues such as depression. She then introduced Ashley Roberts, Project Director/Program Coordinator for the Suicide Prevention Grant in Counseling and Access Services Office, who will speak about the grant.

Roberts began by saying she was hired in January of 2007 to administer a grant written by people who are no longer employed by the institution. It is true that there currently is no suicide problem on campus and from her perspective the grant gave her a job, although funding will foremost provide the means necessary to provide adequate programming for health issues such as depression and alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

*An electronic version of the handout for this presentation, which provides a more in depth explanation of the grant than stated herein, is attached to the e-mail which these minute also are attached. If you forward the e-mail or print the minutes, please make certain a copy of the presentation handout follows with along the minutes.

Roberts then gave a PowerPoint Presentation about OSU-Okmulgee's Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Campus Grant, which was developed because a senator's son died due to suicide. OSU-Okmulgee is the only Oklahoma two-year college to get the \$75,000 matching grant. Roberts said one of the most proactive measures that faculty, staff and students can take to help prevent suicide on a smaller campus such as OSU-Okmulgee is to identify and get training to act upon non-verbal, pre-suicidal warning signs. In addition to other warning signs listed on slide number five, "non-verbals" include: increased abuse of drugs and/or alcohol; skipping classes; falling grades; decreased communication; and not returning calls. When you see these signs, it's time to begin intervention.

* Transcriber Note

Roberts noted that the grant is a four-stage process – Context, Product, Process and Impact. OSU-Okmulgee currently is entering the third stage. In September surveys will be conducted to assess our exposure to drug/alcohol, depression and suicide prevention services. Although the program is designed to survey as many participants as possible, five individuals will be involved in in-depth interviews in December as a sampling of campus exposure. At this point Roberts and Walker asked those present to give their thoughts on the best way to allocate \$1,000 available for student incentives to complete a 50 question survey. The money had to be in gift certificates or invested in a purchase. Cash was not an option. One thousand dollars will be available in both the second and third year of the grant. There were no comments as far as the best distribution method, only concerning who the money was available to, how much for each year, and which years the distribution would be made. Roberts continued that next week, a steering committee will meet to learn how to facilitate training sessions for faculty, staff and students to recognize warning signs and provide action tools to help. Devin DeBock said he was very impressed with the training, which provides necessary tools, vocabulary, awareness with self-comfort in helping others go get the help they need. Roberts said the training provides real tools to real people for real everyday situations. She emphasized that you aren't going to "cause" anyone to commit suicide by trying to help. Suicide data indicates that from the attempts there is only a five percent completion rate.

Brian Elam asked for the dates of the training. Roberts replied April 12 and 19, 2.30 pm, location to be announced. The sessions are one hour long and are not cumulative, so you do not have to be at the first to benefit from the second. Walker reiterated that the sessions will help people understand the right thing to say to initiate a proper referral for the individual in question. DeBock added that his notions about what to properly say were not on target and the training will cover what really works to successfully reach out to those in need. Roberts asked those present who were interested in the training to give her their e-mail addresses after the meeting. Felix Cuellar asked if the Counseling and Access Service contact and location information was online. Walker said that she thought it was, and that part of the grant would go toward making that Web page more inviting to visitors. Cuellar asked if there was a way to broadcast e-mail the student body. Mary Graves indicated affirmative. Charles Young inquired about the goal of the TAR survey. The answer was to gather demographic data. He then asked how many SPEAK surveys she hoped to see completed. She said she'd like to see 200 student responses to every 50 faculty responses. The one-on-one telephone interview for the four selected individuals will take from 30 to 60 minutes. Sara Van Eaton asked if her PowerPoint from today's presentation would be on the Web site. Roberts indicated it would be uploaded soon. Force then told those present to invite Roberts to speak at their club meetings.

Steven Rubert then distributed a Student Life Leadership Program Evaluation to assess the understanding, marketing, curriculum and availability of three leadership programs, which have just completed their first year of offerings. He would like to gather feedback information to tweak the programs. No names are required on the forms to promote honesty. Activities for the balance of the semester include:

- 4-5 Movie Night
- 4-9, 11, 16 Free Massages
- 4-16 Brainfood Breakfast

Mary Bell elaborated on Brainfood Breakfast scheduled Monday, April 16, 9 – 10:30 pm, in the cafeteria. The theme is old school Monty Hall 70's funk, and food is breakfast stuff. Bingo winners will play Let's Make a Deal for prizes behind doors one, two and three, and there will be flashy girls a flamboyant host.

Kevin Montequé then spoke about wellness programs and intramural sports. With the semester winding down, there currently are no intramural sports. SPIN Classes are held 11:35 am – 12:15 pm, Monday – Friday and 4:35 – 5:15 pm, Tuesday and Thursday. Pilates is scheduled Monday – Thursday, 6:15 – 6:55 am. Next semester he is planning to hold 3-on-3 basketball outdoors. Art Visconti asked if there would be summer softball. Montequé indicated that yes, sometime during the latter part of the semester. Rubert said it was in July. Matt Davis asked what was going on at the old tennis court site. Doreen White indicated that the courts probably are being taken out since they have been unusable for several years. (Follow up: Connie Robert, Physical Plant, says the Construction Technology currently is using the courts. The eventually will be removed entirely)

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James Thye, RHA: The new pool table is in and the old one is recovered; they are still working toward turning the south side of Wilson Commons into a sports-bar type area; they recently had a open forum concerning the room rate increase; and their last meeting is next week.

Phil Hill, ISA: Members are gearing up for next semester; recently bought a welder; and are holding a graduation luncheon.

Charles Young, SkillsUSA VICA: The state conference is next month, and Pedro Morano will run for state office.

Kent Morrow, PTK: Members participated in a campus cleanup last week; read to the Childcare Center kids; and will go to Internationals next week.

Sagar Master, AITP: They are participating in a national membership drive. The club with the most increase in members will receive a \$600 prize. Our chapter has 18 new members. AITP participated in the Alumni Easter Egg Hunt and are ordering new t-shirts.

Stefan Swaggerty, C³: Members have been attending the 3 professional organizations' monthly meetings, and holding club meetings each week. They are ordering shirts and will participate in a golf tournament on the 23rd.

Joseph Davis, ACR: Members are ordering new t-shirts and donated to the Alumni Easter Egg Hunt.

Fred Norman, BCM: There are three more Late Nights, 9 pm, Wednesdays; two more Noon Days, 11:45 am – 1 pm, Tuesdays; there was recent a mission trip to Louisiana where participants went alligator hunting, last weekend they participated in a State basketball tournament bringing home the 2nd consolation prize.

Jose Rivas, FAD: Vis Com, the only two-year college participating in the Brass Ring awards brought home 25 of 104 awards given to 13 of 17 colleges participating. Seven states were represented. The Division also is working on a student lounge area in the Vis Com building. The last meeting is next Wednesday.

Josh King, SNA: Members participated in the Okmulgee YMCA Healthy Kids Day last Saturday; next month a recruiter from Oklahoma Wesleyan College will speak to members about their BSN program; and the graduate pinning ceremony is on the 20th.

Michael Grob, Horology: Members volunteered to help with the last Blood Drive and are recruiting members.

Brian Elam, CMI: The club recently received the two cases of Bibles they have been awaiting ... that was Good News! <pun intended>

Angie Been, CMI: On behalf of the Alumni Association wants to thank all clubs/organizations that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt for children 0 – 12 years. There was a great turn out.

Sara Van Eaton, SGA: They currently are taking nominations for new members; the last meeting is on the 17th; and they are working on getting recycling bins for glass, aluminum and plastic.

Mary Graves, SGA: Reminds those present that the SGA is an organization on the institution's organizational chart. Administration counts on the members for many duties from serving on grade appeal committees to giving approval for items for the Regents.

Casey Campbell, ADDA: Last semester the club did not have a sponsor, so they are rebuilding this semester.

Mary Bell, R.E.B.E.L.: Remember the Multicultural Meeting next Tuesday, 11:30 am, DWRTC.

Force said this was a great semester thanks to all club/organization members and advisors. If anyone wants to help with the FFA contests next week, contact James Byrd; Club P-card training is Monday. Sara Van Eaton asked what day of the week the FFA contest fell on. Force replied Thursday.

Adjourned 12:30 pm