

ACN Meeting Minutes December 18, 2007

Members Present:

S. Blair, C. Cepeda, S. Chetney, P. Cobb, K. Coffaro, T. Current, T. Danner, J. Dorosz, K. Drout, J. Dvorak, L. Fitzenberger, C. Franklin, D. Gygi, J. Hawkins, B. Hinshaw, L. Hoeft, D. Holloway, S. Kaempfer, D. Kavalasuskas, J. Klumpp, M. Knasinski, K. Koncki, G. Kopke, H. Matera, R. McGraw, L. Molina, A. Northrup, H. Pfersch, C. Piercy, V. Provost, C. Rasavong, K. Raymond, K. Roosevelt, R. Russell, T. Scheer, J. Schiedt, L. Sieckert, K. Silvestre, B. Simon, H. Spearman, B. Thomas, G. Wallander, R. Williams, J. Wishman, A. Wrench, S. Zlotocha

Kate Coffaro, ACN Award Committee Chair

Judith Wishman of L&S (formerly of AOC) and John Dorosz of AOC nominated advisor Vicki Provost, who is the recipient of the 2007 ACN Recognition Award. Ruth Williams announced the support of Academic Affairs for this award too and presented Vicki with the award plaque. Judith read supporting comments from current and past students. John Dorosz also presented her with flowers from AOC. Congratulations, Vicki!

Dr. Julie Bonner and Jane Ramsden, Norris Health Center

Dr. Bonner and Jane Ramsden, who is the Crisis Counselor for Norris, spoke about the importance of the counseling services at the center. There are three primary departments at Norris. The medical clinic (with 30,000 visits per year, 9000 students per year,) has also provided services in the Union and the residence halls. 85% of students served don't need to pay anything for the care they received; however, for prescriptions and other costs, Norris is looking into the possibility of accepting the Panthercard. The Health Promotion and Wellness program is presenting more talks on stress management, as well as alcohol diversion and tobacco cessation. The website for this program is continually being updated. Finally, Counseling Services has worked to decrease waiting times. UW-Milwaukee, though, has the greatest deficit of counselors in the UW system. Jane Ramsden is the first point of contact for students who haven't received any mental health services from Norris before. She refers students to the staff psychologists or psychiatrists and is available full time Monday through Friday at x4716 or ramsdemp@uwm.edu. Dr. Bonner mentioned that the major safety issue for students on campus is the risk of suicide rather than of harm from others, especially urgent because of student depression. The Center has created materials to address this and encourage students to seek help.