

Tobacco Free Committee Meeting Minutes
10/11/2006

In attendance: Mark Volpatti, Becky Porter, Marilyn Bedford, Ellen Poffenberger, Kristin Ryker, Emily Wren, Michael Oakley, Rich Strong, Maggie Stimming, Leo Rafail, Karen Whitney, and Holly Holliday-Jones

- I. Democracy Plaza feedback report
 - a. Kristin Ryker attended and took notes (that were sent out to the listserv), Leo Rafail also attended.
 - b. Kristin and Leo reported that about 30-40 people were in attendance, and about 25 of them spoke. Most of them (smokers) had reasonable things to say, indicating that they just want a place where they can go to smoke, although this would prove to be problematic, because we would never pick the “right” place to choose as an area to smoke, since the campus is so large, there is no central area.
 - c. Based on the feedback from the event, no action needs taken on any of the items.
- II. Work accomplished on items “needing improvement” listed at the last meeting
 - a. Emily Wren sent out a note to staff that work in the evening to find out if they know where smoking problem areas exist. CFS is also going to conduct an assessment to find out how many smokers there are on campus during the evening hours, and if they are aware of the policy.
 - b. Part-time faculty seems to be a group of the IUPUI community that we have missed educating about the new policy. Mark Volpatti has contacts for the Associate Faculty and will send out a reminder to these folks.
 - c. Problem/hot spots, Walnut Street, School of Medicine, there has been discussion about vacating this area altogether.
 - d. Wishard/Clarian partners are sending their smokers to IUPUI. West of University Hospital (north of walkway) has become a hotspot.
 - e. Emily indicated that the majority of the violators in this area are contractors. Craig McKinney, CFS, is continually following up with the smokers.
 - f. Increased evidence of smoking near Cavanaugh Hall, which is probably occurring during the evening hours.
 - g. The conference center loading dock was a problem area, but seems to have stopped.
 - h. Emily asked if Bus Shelters were covered under Marion County’s smoke free ordinance, and Leo indicated that they are. People should not be smoking in these areas. Does the city have any signage we could use to place in the shelters on campus? Emily will check into this.
- III. Strategies to help problem areas:
 - a. Karen sent out an email to Deans about the nighttime smoking.

- b. Marion Broome from Nursing said that many times the spaces that are used for evening classes don't always coincide with the specific discipline of the building; therefore the Deans don't always know all the students who are in their buildings at night. The buildings have multiplicity of uses, so it is nearly impossible to reach all the students that enter the building.
 - c. Part-time, evening faculty need to be made aware of the policy, Mark Volpatti is following up.
 - d. Could we ask the police department to help?
 - e. Should we hire a student to walk around and handout materials? JagTemp? Have them work 20 hours over the next 4-6 weeks talking to people who are violating the policy. Concentrate some of the hours around the 5:30-7:30pm timeframe. Holly will follow up with JagTemps.
- IV. Other issues which have come up in the month since our last meeting?
- a. Are we actively promoting the policy? Could we work to get the sidewalks considered tobacco free? Clarian is beginning the process of trying to make their sidewalks tobacco free. We could possibly piggyback on Clarian's work with this. Ellen will send information about who is working on this initiative at Clarian and send those names to Karen, and Karen will contact. Would be good to include Amy Conrad-Warner's office (Gov't affairs) and Jo Scodro (Legal Counsel).
 - b. Should we make a map of campus that shows where people can smoke? People want to obey the policy, but also want a clear picture of where it is permissible to smoke. Because the "boundaries" of campus/city are so closely intertwined, it is extremely difficult to ascertain an exact spot of where someone could smoke. Emily is going to meet with Karen and Ellen to decide how we can help make this clearer, and if we should.
 - c. Are we generally satisfied with the outcomes of the implementation?
 - i. Yes, but there are some areas that need fine tuning.
 - ii. After 5pm, hot spots, part – time faculty.
 - iii. If we think the policy has failed, we would need to bring in police to enforce the policy. The group doesn't think this is necessary at this point.
 - iv. We need to complete a January plan for when new students, faculty, and staff arrive on campus.
 - v. Leo indicated that there have been several businesses that are still in noncompliance with the Indy Ordinance. Overall, our policy is working, but we will realistically never have 100% compliance, we should be satisfied with a reasonable level of compliance.
 - d. Tobacco Free Speaker possibilities:
 - i. Patrick J. Reynolds (member of the Reynolds family who turned back on the industry) tours and gives presentations on the tobacco industry. Should we bring him to campus in the Spring? We could inquire if any of the hospitals and/or Smoke Free Indy would like to co-sponsor this event.

- ii. Victor DeNoble, another anti tobacco speaker that was on campus a few years ago.
- iii. Jeffrey Weigand, whistle blower on the tobacco companies.
- iv. Ann Lanman, document researcher of tobacco companies.
- v. Karen/Holly will pursue a speaker(s) for the spring and see if SAPB would be interested in helping to make this happen.
- vi. What about doing more than one speaker?
- vii. Maggie thinks that we should do a lunch event or something else on a grand scale to get students to attend this potential event, to help students see how the tobacco companies are devious in getting people hooked on smoking.

V. Plan for January

- a. We need to communicate as an institution to two groups of people: Students (new ones, Enrollment Services), Associate Faculty- need to do this continually, to update them about the policy.
- b. Karen will send out a reminder to the Deans about hotspots, quitkits, nighttime issues, etc.
- c. We can issue reminders as needed.
- d. No further meetings scheduled, but if there is a growing concern, utilize the tobacco free listserv, and we can convene as a committee if needed.
- e. If a problem exists, please send feedback to the listserv for all to discuss.

Will this be the last meeting?

Do we need to meet?

If so, how frequently and when?