

University Coordinating Committee for Alcohol Policies
Meeting Notes
June 24, 2003

Attendance: Robert Pandina, Lea Stewart, Bill Leipold, Polly McLaughlin, Robert Russo, Mary Beth Daisey, Brian Rose

Brian Rose opened the meeting by describing the evolution from the 1999 University Alcohol Committee to the 3 campus committees (New Brunswick, Newark and Camden) now operating.

Rob Pandina explained that this group was being convened to provide a point of coordination for the three campus committees on those matters where a uniform approach would make sense.

The three campus committees then reported on their activities for the year:

New Brunswick: Lea Stewart and Brian Rose reviewed the draft Progress Report of the New Brunswick Alcohol Policy Implementation Committee (see attached).

Newark

Bill Leipold reported on the issues being undertaken in Newark.

One issue for the Newark campus relates to the roughly 50 / 50 split between graduates and undergraduates in housing and shaping policies that respond to the different needs of these populations.

Undergraduate –

- change in staff and policy reviewed
- no use of u funds for policy
- u police changed approach to be more collaborative and community-based
- new questions: who has written policies (e.g. commuter students, athletes)

Graduate:

- initial assessment of culture was alarming;
- new admin is chance for change.
- Concern with how referrals are made

Camden

Robert Russo reported on the activities of the Camden campus.

- Their efforts have Focused on the undergraduate population first.
- Student activities and housing are focal points as well as athletics. Referral

system examined.

- Results: Change in policy for referrals in housing and athletics and improved process to support inter-departmental communication
- Camden- law students in housing; character and fitness issue if go for treatment, which makes for a concern in terms of the University's response.

Discussion

Documentation of campus efforts should be collected.

Program efforts:

- find ways to do brief interventions to expand opportunity to provide service to more students through ADAPS.
- coordinating effort to widely disseminate awareness-building information and paying attention to differences among students in terms of drinking behavior and risk (social drinker v.problem drinker).
- Resources for prevention program: Is University willing to commit funds? We could revisit allocation of existing resources.

Drugs as an issue – Rob reported that it was always the intention that drug issues would be addressed through the same structure as alcohol issues. New Brunswick reported its intent to dedicate a Fall meeting to discussion of drug program issues. Brian Rose raised as a concern the need to first articulate a unifying philosophy (e.g. "harm reduction") to inform decisions on drug policies given the very different directions that various units and employees seem to take.

Other Ideas:

- Uniform trinket with campus-specific information
- Uniform information package for incoming students. Interactive theater re: party planning - Move toward a university- wide marketing campaign
- Pushing institutional research to do assessment of students annually.

Committee to meet 3 times annually - exchange of information through Brian Rose's office. .