

Alcohol Policy Implementation Committee
Meeting Notes
April 18, 2003

Attendance: Lea Stewart, Joan Carbone, Brian Rose, JoAnn Arnholt, Elizabeth O'Connell-Ganges, Lee Schneider, Adrienne Coleman, Cheron Rountree

Discussion

Joan Carbone reported that the language approved by the Committee for insertion into the Housing Booklet cannot be inserted until next year (booklet has already gone to print). The Committee agreed that each college would independently disseminate the information to their resident students for the next academic year.

For non-resident students referred to ADAPS because they required an emergency response for acute intoxication, the committee returned to the discussion concerning whether students who do not comply with the referral could be sanctioned judicially. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to instead recommend that the University block registration for students non-compliant with the referral. This has the advantage of simplicity and also does not create a permanent disciplinary record for those students who then comply. There was discussion about whether a registration block should be used in all instances (resident and non-resident) for consistency. The Committee ultimately agreed that the registration block should be available in all instances, but that it would be far less likely to be invoked for resident students for whom continued housing eligibility is already at stake.

The Committee discussed the previously mentioned suggestion to provide “training” for student leaders with respect to that portion of the Protocol for Responding to Acutely Intoxicated Individuals relating to the criteria under which one should call for emergency help. There was a general consensus that fraternity and sorority leaders have a particularized need to be familiarized with the use of these criteria and that suitable programs could be mandated through the Office of Fraternity / Sorority Affairs. There were a variety of concerns raised with how other students / student leaders could be effectively familiarized with the criteria and whether there should be requirements and/or incentives for various students to attend. The Committee agreed to delegate the development of a proposal for student training to a subcommittee consisting of Adrienne Coleman, JoAnn Arnholt, Pam Johnston (for Rutgers College Student Activities), Cheron Rountree and the a fraternity representative to the Committee. The Subcommittee will report to the Committee at a future meeting to be determined.

The Committee agreed that the “Call-a-Cab” program was worth exploring in more detail. Elizabeth O’Connell Ganges agreed to research the program in more detail and report back to the Committee.

There was brief discussion concerning the need to educate the University community generally about how to summon emergency help (i.e. call RUPD at 732-932-7211 for quickest response). We discussed posting signs in classrooms, including the information on the back of the university ID card and phone stickers with emergency contact numbers. It was agreed that we should refer this issue to Public Safety for feedback.

The meeting concluded with a review of a survey being taken by administrators at George Mason University.

Future Meetings: The next meeting date was changed from May 16 to Tuesday June 3rd, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, in the SCILS Faculty Lounge (current location). The subsequent meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 11:30 AM In the SCILS Faculty Lounge. There will not be an August meeting. We will return to a Friday schedule beginning in September.