Alcohol and Other Drug (AODA) Task Force

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University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Inaugural Meeting

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Charge, Chancellor Patterson
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Charge from Chancellor Patterson

• At the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, we value academic excellence and student success. We know alcohol use and abuse negatively impacts the student experience.

• The work of the task force is intended to set the stage for improving programs and services at University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to reduce harm to students, increase student success and retention, and prepare students for life after graduation.
UW System AODA Survey

• Biennial survey, most recently administered in February 2011.
• 1400 UWSP undergraduates invited to participate in the web-based survey.
• 41 questions aimed at program knowledge, perceptions, use and harms of AOD.
• 445 students participated for a response rate of 31.7%.
UW System AODA Survey

UWSP AOD Use:
• 72 percent reported using alcohol in the last 30 days.
• 46 percent of those who drink reported binge drinking in the last 30 days.

Harms from use:
• 28 percent reported missing class
• 18 percent performed poorly on tests and projects.
• 44 percent said they suffered memory loss.
• 18 percent had unprotected sex.

Secondary harms (how student drinking affected other students)
• 50 percent of students said drinking by others affected their sleep.
• 42 percent said it interrupted their studies.
• 26 percent of said drinking students damaged their personal property
• 17 percent felt it negatively affected the image of UWSP
Task Force Proposed Structure

- **Core (3)** -- meet frequently to determine process details
- **Management/process (12)** -- meet monthly to make decisions and implement changes
- **Contacts (unlimited)** -- do not meet as a team; play valuable roles as providers of information
- **Allies (unlimited)** -- all members; interested in the progress of the group
Task Force Proposed Process

Gather Information (Biennial Review)

Plan

Evaluate

Implement
Feedback on Structure and Process

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Phase 1
Information Gathering

• A group of individuals (7 – 12) is needed for this phase.

• This group will gather information on AODA programs, policies and practices at UWSP.

• We invite involvement from across campus (i.e. AODA, athletics, conduct, counseling, faculty senate, health, housing, student involvement, security, university centers, international students, multicultural affairs . . . )
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• This group will meet monthly for an estimated six months.
• Based upon the information gathered, this group will make recommendations for taskforce action.
• A report, on findings and recommendations, will be the final product of this group and will be presented in May at a large taskforce meeting.

• If you cannot participate in the information gathering, rest assured there will be opportunities to participate and provide recommendations throughout the process (planning, implementation, evaluation).
Next Steps

• Sign up for the information gathering... Need commitments by November 15

• Next meeting of the full taskforce will be scheduled for February.
In closing...