Student Life
Annual Report
2011-2012
Mission

The Student Life Office is committed to assisting the students of the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse by:

- serving as an advocate in promoting and defending the interests of students within the University at large;
- maximizing students’ use of the services available to them at the University; and
- intervening on the behalf of students when requested and appropriate.

Major Responsibilities in Student Life:
- Intervention in student crises
- Judicial affairs – investigation of student misconduct and the administration of UWS Chapters 14, 17, and 18
- Reporting of sexual assaults
- Conflict resolution services
- Oversee student elections
- New student orientation programs
- Student withdrawals from the University
- Maintenance of the Eagle Eye (electronic student handbook)
- Annual publication of crime statistics
- Advisor for Returning Adult Student Organization and advocate for this population
- House legal services for students
- Absence notification for students
- Convene and chair residency appeal committee
- Oversee Wellness Resource Center, Student Success Center, and Violence Prevention

Major Accomplishments in Student Life:
- Successfully Implemented new student conduct system: Symplicity Advocate
- Created a successful Wellness Team
- Updated conduct sanctions
- Conducted a successful search for an FYE Coordinator and Wellness Coordinator
- Created larger BASICS Team
- Some good success with students in crisis
Offices that Student Life collaborated with during the past year:

- Residence Life
- Campus Climate
- OMSS
- DRS
- University Centers
- Athletics
- REC Center
- Facilities
- McNair Scholars Program
- Campus Planning
- Campus Police
- International Education
- Upward Bound
- Student Support Services
- Counseling & Testing
- Health Center
- Financial Aide
- Graduate Studies Office
- Institutional Research
- Murphy Library
- Records and Registration
- Business Services
- Human Resources
- Advising
- Career Services
- Academic Computing
- CATL
- Chancellor’s Office
- Affirmative Action
- Alumni Office
- Admissions
- Continuing Education
- College of Science and Health and Deans Assistants
- College of Business and Deans Assistants
- College of Liberal Studies and Deans Assistants
- University Relations
- Provost Office
- Communications Dept.
- Theater Dept.
- Biology Dept.
- History Dept.
- Math Dept.
- Psychology Dept.
- PT Dept.
- Modern Languages Dept.
- Education Dept.
- Women’s Studies Dept.
- Health Promotions Dept.
Collaboration Findings:

I think overall this year we had very good relations and outreach with other offices on campus. It is clear that we have strong connections through Student Life to a great deal of the campus community. We have had good connections through our outreach to faculty through education about BIT. We had a great deal more communication come into the office about concerned students. Most were not at the level of BIT, but it was helpful to improve the feeling by faculty that they have somewhere to turn to if concern arises.

I think we had a year of challenges when it came to the hate incidents on campus. I have learned that this upcoming year we will need to make more outreach to underrepresented students to have them feel supported by Student Life. One positive thing about the past years challenges is we have had very positive and strong meetings about the 2012-2013 theme for inclusivity.

We have increased the number of faculty who are sending us Chapter 14 letters. I think that faculty is being encouraged more from Academic Affairs to make us aware of these issues. This overall has brought us some good connections with faculty members.
Student Life: July 1, 2011 - July 1, 2012

**Attorney Appointments:**
- Fall 11: 84
- Spring 12: 58

**Withdrawals:**
- Summer/Fall 11: 221
- J term/Spring 12: 138

**Medical Withdrawals:**
- Fall 11: 33
- Spring 12: 33

**Absence Notifications:**
- Fall 11: 126
- Spring 12: 106

**Underage Drinking (Campus Police and LCPD):**
- Fall 11: 268
- Spring 12: 197

**Illegal Substances**
- Fall 11: 30
- Spring 12: 7

**Student Deaths:**
- Fall 11: 0
- Spring 12: 0

**My Student Body**
- Fall 11: 226
- Spring 12: 233

### Historical Trends

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**Findings:**

- Attorney Appointments have dropped off the past couple years. It might be good this next year to encourage Student Association to do more promotion of the program.

- Withdrawals have stayed in a pretty consistent range.

- Medical Withdrawals have been increasing the past couple years. This is consistent with what is being seen by our sister institutions according to information given at our UW System Conduct officers meetings.

- Underage Drinking is up the past couple years but this is probably due to the fact that we have increased enforcement.

- Illegal substances have continued to go up this past year. Most of these numbers are for Marijuana. This is something that our sister institutions are also reporting a great increase in.

- We had research done on our updated Alcohol and Drug Educational efforts by Jennifer Schoenecker this year. The findings were very positive about our educational efforts.
  
  Students liked that MyStudentBody was available online.
  Most students stated that they changed their drinking specifically the amount they drank after going through MyStudentBody.
  Students liked that BASICS was facilitated one on one and felt that the presenters were non-judgmental and fair.
  Students reported positive changes in their drinking behavior after taking BASICS.

- Due to Jeanie Hanley retiring we used Coulee Council on Addictions to preform AODA Assessments for us in the spring semester versus Counseling and Testing. This seemed to work well.
Violence Prevention: July 1, 2011-July 1, 2012

1. Advocacy Statistics:

   Sexual Assault: 21
   Relationship Violence: 24
   Stalking: 16
   Sexual Harassment/Other: 9
   TOTAL 70
   Court/Law Enforcement Advocacy: 12
   Restraining Orders: 1
   Crime Victim Compensation Applications: 5

2. Prevention Education:

   Classroom Presentations: 40
   Additional Presentations: 25
   (Diversity Dialogues; Rec Self-Defense Class; Hall Director and R.A. Trainings; Freshman Registration and International Student Orientations; Residence Hall Programs)

3. Programming (sponsored or co-sponsored):

   Hungry for Health (Welcome Week Program)
   Nancy Schwartzman, filmmaker (“The Line”)
   Christopher Kilmartin
   Clothesline Project for Sexual Assault Awareness
   Film Showings and Discussion: The Price of Pleasure (Pornography), Tough Guise (Men and Masculinity), Spin the Bottle: Sex, Lies and Alcohol
   Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness
Wellness Resource Center: July 1, 2011-July 1, 2012

1. BASICS Sessions:

101 Students completed BASICS (x2 sessions each =202 hours of BASICS instruction)
118 Students were referred to BASICS

2. Prevention Education:

Classroom Presentations: 5
Additional Presentations: 20
(Hall Director and R.A. Trainings; Freshman Registration and International Student Orientations; Residence Hall Programs)

Alcohol Overdose Magnets delivered to all residence halls
Student-made Alcohol Awareness PSA
Stall Seat Journal

3. Programming (Sponsored or co-sponsored):

Hungry for Health (Welcome Week Program)
Fall and Spring Semester Relaxation Extravaganzas
Eric Schlosser Lecture
Drake Hall Reunion
Fall and Spring Morale Retreats
Fitness Assessments for Residence Hall Students
Safe Spring Break

Other Programming in Student Life:

Returning Adult Student Orientation
Presented at New Faculty Orientation
Programming in FYE/ Student Success Center:

- FYE co-sponsored w/ WI Covenant: Use Somebody: A Speed Meeting Event @ Welcome Week Fall 2011
- FYE presentation to FBLA conference held at the Radisson/La Crosse Center
- FYE co-sponsored w/ Residence Life: FY Initiatives and Retention Building Presentation to UW-Richland Center
- FYE: End of the Year 2011 & 2012 Focus Groups in FY halls
- FYE: Family & Friends Weekend Program Coordination
- FYE/NSO: January Orientation programs: Let's Get Social Event, Ice Skating Fun at Omni Center
- FYE/NSO: Freshman Registration & Parent Orientation: Sneak Peak at Welcome Week

Programs in the works:

- FYE/NSO w/ Res Life and First Flight: NSO sponsored Welcome Back event Friday before opening
- FYE/NSO: Welcome Weeks programming
- FYE/Continuing Ed: Jump Start Orientation Programming
Students withdrawing from the University
General Findings:

Top 4 reasons for leaving UW - La Crosse:

Fall 11  
25% Need a break  
25% Mental health issues  
24% Transfer to another school  
22% Problems balancing job and school

Spring 12  
42% Need a break  
30% Mental health issues  
27% Low grades/difficulty with academics  
27% Problems balancing job and school

Plans after leaving UW-La Crosse:

Fall 11  
75% Work  
32% Attend another college

Spring 12  
54% Work  
26% Attend another college

Plans to return to college:

Fall 11  
78% Yes  
3% No  
18% Unsure

Spring 12  
74% Yes  
0% No  
26% Unsure

Average age of withdrawal student:

Fall 11  
73% 18-24  
17% 25-30  
10% 31 and above

Spring 12  
80% 18-24  
20% 25-30  
0% 31 and above

Other findings of withdrawal students:

Fall 11  
85% Caucasian  
15% Students of color  
90% Unmarried  
7% LGBTQ  
55% Female  
45% Male  
2% Veteran  
57% Live off campus  
46% Transfer Students  
75% Full Time Student

Spring 12  
86% Caucasian  
14% Students of color  
86% Unmarried  
3% LGBTQ  
40% Female  
60% Male  
3% Veteran  
51% Live off campus  
29% Transfer Students  
91% Full Time Student
Fall 2011
Withdrawal
Survey
Spring 2012 Withdrawal Survey