

Campus and Community Health and Safety
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Summary of Proposal

Sexual Assault Prevention

Long Term Goals:

-A high increase in sexual assault awareness and assault rates go down, Have the high school implement a self-sustaining sexual education program.

Intermediate Goals:

-Increase in sexual assault awareness and an increase in the resources available for all people of all genders affected by sexual assault,, having the high schools work with western students to bring awareness about sexual assault.

Short-term goals:

-Increase in sexual assault awareness and how to prevent assault and how to spot a bad situation, implement a program in the dorms and target incoming freshman.

How To Achieve Goals?

- SHARE Tutorial?
- Classes in Schools (High school senior focus)
 - what about students entering college that live in the dorm? would that be a good place to increase awareness in addition to in high school. I'm worried that changing classes in public schools might be an unrealistic goal
- Increase Patrols?
- Community Awareness Events
- Self defense classes
- Panic buttons in the park

http://chronicle.com/article/Spotlight-on-Campus-Responses/143199/?cid=at&utm_source=at&utm_medium=en

Pedestrian Safety

Long Term Goals:

-More Lighting is put in both areas and crime rates go down, Students and Community Members feel safer. Sidewalks are added to insure pedestrian safety.

Intermediate goals:

-Lighting is added to in both areas, Students and Community Members feel safer. Safety buttons are added to low lit areas. Expand the areas that Green Coats patrol if not already offered to students.

Short-Term Goals

-Lighting is added to both Laurel Park and South Campus, Green coat patrols are increased in low lit areas and their services are explained to students.

How To Achieve Goals?

- Advocate for Lights
- Research the importance of good lighting
- Advocate for increased Green coat info and patrols
- Advocate for more safety buttons
- Advocate for sidewalks

<http://www.cob.org/services/planning/transportation/pedestrian-master-planning.aspx>

Police Relationships

Long-Term Goals:

-Police and Students see each other as people and student related crime rates go down on Campus and in Bellingham.

Intermediate Goals:

- Police and AS work together to foster healthier relationships between the two groups.

Short Term Goal:

-More chances for students to have innocent interactions with police, AS works with Police department to find common ground.

How to achieve goal?

- Opportunities for students to create police relationships
- Education on the subject of police

<http://wcr.sonoma.edu/v12n3/Hart.pdf>

More Student Counseling Services (put off until we talk to Kaylee)

Goals:

- More options for student counseling, including academic advising
- Education about services, (health center will make you a schedule)

How to achieve goal?

- Education through dorm life

Transportation

Short

-Expansion of information available about transportation services available to students

Intermediate

-Expansion of transportation services available to students on campus.

Long

-Late night shuttle expansion and expansion of transportation service available.

<http://as.wvu.edu/committees/transportation-advisory-committee/minutes/2012/>

Issue: Public Health and Safety

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Endorsements:

Proposed Action Agenda Item Title: Public Health and Safety

1) Describe the Issue (what is the problem & what is the solution).

1. Sexual Assault Prevention
2. Pedestrian Safety
3. Increase in Police Relations
4. Increase in Student Counseling services
5. Increase Support for Mental Health Services on Campus (Matthew and Josie)
6. Increase in Transportation

2) Please fill out a Strategy Chart.

Goals	Organizational Considerations	Constituents, Allies, & Opponents	Targets	Tactics
<p><u>Sexual Assault Prevention</u> Short: Increase in sexual assault awareness and how to prevent assault and how to spot a bad situation Intermediate Increase in sexual assault awareness</p>	<p><u>Sexual Assault Prevention</u> -DVSAS -CASAS <u>Pedestrian Safety</u> -Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee <u>Police</u></p>	<p>Constituents Students and Community Members Allies Mayor Linville</p>	<p>Primary Opposition: Support: Secondary</p>	<p>Campus Collaborations: 1) Days of Action 2) Utilizing Media Outlets 3) Constant Messaging 4) Get out the Vote and voter education efforts for future elections of key</p>

<p>and an increase in the resources available for men and women affected by sexual assault.</p> <p>Long A high increase in sexual assault awareness and assault rates go down.</p> <p><u>Pedestrian Safety</u></p> <p>Short Lighting is added and sidewalks are extended.</p> <p>Intermediate After changes are made the Students and community members feel safer.</p> <p>Long Accidents and Crime rates go down due to the sidewalks and lighting being added.</p> <p><u>Police</u></p> <p><u>Relationships</u></p> <p>Short More chances for student interaction with police officers</p> <p>Intermediate Police become a natural presence in the community</p> <p>Long Healthy personal relationships between police officers and students</p> <p><u>Student Counseling Services</u></p> <p>Short Inform Students about Counseling services available on campus</p> <p>Intermediate</p>	<p><u>Relationships</u> -Bellingham Police Union -Center for Law, Diversity, and Justice</p> <p><u>Student Counseling Services</u> -Disability Resource Center -Counseling Services -Mental Health Support and Services</p> <p><u>Transportation</u> -ASTAC -Alternate Transportation Board</p>			<p>legislators that have authority over the issue</p> <p>5) Setting up meetings with our local community members and talking about the importance of public health and safety on our individual institutions</p> <p>1)Phonebanking, Letter Writing (Letters to the Editors, Letters to elected officials, Emails, Petition Signing, Visual Campaign (Photos, electronic scrap book)</p> <p>2) Soci al Media Campaign (FB, Twitter, Instagram, tumblr), Campus Newspapers (Campus leaders Letters to the Editor, Editorials, Columns, Legislative Updates), Coordinated articles and press releases.</p> <p>3) Ensuring that all persons involved in the campaign are using the same messaging and language when talking to legislators, campaigning, and using social media.</p> <p>4) Encouraging students to vote by</p>
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<p>Increase in the amount of counseling services available</p> <p>Long Increase in the amount of students taking advantage of counseling.</p> <p><u>Transportation</u></p> <p>Short Expansion of information available about transportation services available to students</p> <p>Intermediate Expansion of transportation services available to students on campus.</p> <p>Long Late night shuttle expansion and expansion of transportation service available.</p>				<p>providing students with information regarding public health and safety and key elected officials and their role/influence in the process</p>
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3) Please explain briefly how/if this issue meets the following qualifications:

1. Is it winnable?

I believe that this issue is a very winnable issue, due to the fact that it appeals to every type of person because everyone would like to feel safe in their community.

2. Does it directly impact and improve students' lives?

This proposal directly impacts the lives of students because of the fact that students are not aware of the services available on campus and are not aware that they can use the services like counseling to help themselves.

3. Does it have a clear target?

The target of this proposal is to improve the everyday lives of students and to improve the safety and security of the campus and Bellingham community.

4. Does it build a measurable amount of power?

This proposal builds a measurable amount of power because this is an issue that any community member would care about because it is dealing with community health and safety.

5. Does it have a clear and realistic time frame?

Within the school year we see most of our short-term goals being completed, long-term may take longer about 2-3 years.

6. Does it have a local/state/federal organizing and lobbying angle?

The local lobbying angle is using the students of Bellingham to help improve the community that they are a part of, another angle that is possible is the angle that this is to help keep everyone in the community safer.

7. Could students build a diverse campus coalition around this issue?

I feel that students could build a diverse coalition around this issue because it has universal appeal to pretty much all students because focusing on community health and safety helps insure a safe and secure community is created. This proposal would mobilize and motivate students that wouldn't normally participate in community improvement projects.

8. Is it likely to be debated and acted upon by the city council in the next year?

Yes because it's an issue that everyone should be concerned about, and especially council members because they are voted on.

9. Will it strengthen and expand efforts within AS?

This proposal will strengthen and expand efforts in the AS because it allows us the opportunity to engage a large number of students since public health and safety affects everyone. It is also an opportunity to network with other offices and organizations on and off campus including The Bellingham Police Department and the City Council.

10. Can you provide background information and the current context of the issue?

There is a lack of sexual assault awareness in schools and a belief that it won't happen to you and it won't be someone you know personally. Pedestrian Safety is an issue in both Laurel Park and South campus and by adding new lighting and new sidewalks in these areas that will increase pedestrian safety. There is mutual distrust on both sides of the police-student relationship, that was increased by the riot and some instances of abuse of power. Many incoming freshman are unaware of the counseling services available to them as students. On Saturdays and Sundays it is harder to find a bus to take you back to campus, and we are interested in increasing the student late night shuttle.

11. What creative and/or innovative tactics could we employ to engage the media and excite new students around this issue?

Sexual Assault

Work with DVS AS and CASAS to create a program first in the incoming freshman then implement in high schools for high school seniors informing them about the realities of sexual assault and maintaining healthy relationships.

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The AS ROP Sexual Awareness Center is currently in the process of developing a consent and active bystander curriculum for all levels of WWU students, faculty and staff.

- Aleesha Alston

Pedestrian Safety

Work with the Western Front highlighting the issues resulting from the lack of sidewalks and lighting.

Police Relationships

Inform students about ways to get involved and establish relationships with the police, using mentoring, having officers come and speak to classes, and having students go on ride-alongs with police officers. Speak with the police officers and collaborate ways to engage the media and students.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Inform students through the Residence Halls to help them understand the services offered to them.

Transportation

Work with the Western Front to highlight the concerns with transportation issues in Ballingham and on Campus specifically.