

The University of Akron
University Council Recreation and Wellness Committee

Meeting Minutes: November 17, 2014

Present: Kris Kraft, Stacey Adams, Alma Olson, Doris Robinson and Joe Salem, Peter Obiefule (USG), Nick Owens (USG), Chris Henderson (SOCA), Liz Newcomb (GSG), and Jamie Parker (GSG)
Excused Candace Campbell Jackson, Mary Cooke, John MacDonald
Next meeting: December 15; 2014 at 1:00 p.m.; SRWC 233

I. Announcements.

New members of the committee were welcomed and introductions around the table were made.

Copies of the October minutes were distributed as well as the updated goals document.

Kris Kraft announced that the Tobacco Free Policy was going to be presented at the UC meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18. She provided copies of the Policy and the amended Board Rule 3359-20-05.5. The language in the Board rule now includes nicotine.

II. Discussion

Kris Kraft shared information gleaned from a recent study regarding the negative effects of nicotine. She also said that her research showed that there were currently already 23 smoke free campuses in Ohio and that the Ohio Board of Regents supports smoke free campuses.

All participated in a robust discussion regarding ways to get students to support a smoke free campus and problems caused by lack of enforcement of the current 25-foot rule were also mentioned.

Chris Henderson of Students Organized for Collective Action (SOCA) shared the results of a student survey his group did on campus that showed support for a smoke free campus among those who took the survey.

Liz Newcomb suggested peer to peer activism would be the most effective way to influence students to comply with the smoking ban.

III. A Motion to approve the content of the Smoke Free Campus Policy and present it to the University Council was requested.

The motion was made by Joe Salem, seconded by Doris Robinson and approved by vote of the committee.

IV. Being no other business and the meeting time being expired the meeting was adjourned.