Kameylah spoke of their successful event. She did not have attendance figures but estimates about the same as previous session. Great conversation facilitated by Danny, Kate Spaulding, Steve Flynn about volunteerism, helps victims and our own sense of well-being a benefit. Volunteerism looks good on a resume and develops interest in building better society and skills for interaction. Website gives students options for volunteering. Van Arsdale center hosted a forum in January.

Jim stated they hold 12 classes at night throughout the city. The first week of class, writing class students came and used the volunteering experience as their first writing assignment.

March 19 is the last social responsibility forum – literacy, reading is Fundamental. Kevin Woo getting a panel together, literacy not just for career aspirations but also promotes lifelong learners and global citizens. Statistics in US and across the globe will be presented. Kevin sent SAC an email regarding this and has link. Please register for the forum and encourage others to attend. Not just for Metro/Van Arsdale, college wide. ESC TV only saw the multiscreen view was one recent comment on a past forum, so they hope to coordinate with John Hughes for better technology connection.

Jim commented that this subcommittee has been extremely valuable. A lot of involvement from students, faculty set ablaze, a lot of interest. Student engagement thriving!! Jim teaching SI course on Organizational Development – all PARAS, classrooms aides for Dept of Ed are taking. Focusing on how organizations and people work. One major aspect now woven into the course; form a club, develop charter, and name it. Plan to engage population in ESC and have students actively participate. Promoting working with peers to solve student concerns and issues. Form clubs to convene activities, address social issues. Jim feels the change from NFC to Metro. Kudos to Kameylah!!!

Committees:

Lori Mould: resigned chair position for BAN end of last year.

Wellness Retreat: April 10-12th at Desmond in Albany, SAC meeting Thursday afternoon 12-5. Missing some of the retreat activities but travelling in the AM is better for some committee members. Try to coordinate travel with other members in the area, hotel will be reimbursed. Morning meeting would require housing members on Wed night. SAC only pays for one night, out of pocket for any other nights. Could send a survey to learn everyone’s meeting and travel preferences.

Health Fair until 11 am on Sat. Dinner Th and Fri night included. Entertainment/comedian Th night, DJ on Fri night. Website: Alan Thicke is guest speaker. Health coaches on Thursday. Friday concurrent sessions in am, lunch, speaker, more sessions, dinner, DJ. There are massages!

Kameylah: NFC Health & Wellness event, “Try Something New for You” 1/30/14, vendors, practitioners, cancer project, YWCA, Lupus, approx. 40 tables. Also zumba, yoga, chair massage, reiki, nutrition counseling, etc. offered.
Debbie in Central NY collaborated with Upstate Empathy for event, 6-700 people, same day as residency/marketing was a plus, held in their building using an alternative floor. Vendors and musicians. Low cost of $44 to the center.

Andy Binder of SAC has funding for centers to host wellness events. Stress management is an event example. NFC has committee working with Andy.

Jim McMahon had event last night with about 40 attendees.

**New Business**

Sandra Barkevich is always looking for new articles for the newsletter.

Dr. Kim stated that students are now being paid to write articles, please look at the details about that in the newsletter. Talented writers should apply. Pat and Dr. Kim serving on Provost search committee. Please send any feedback to them regarding the search.

Lori Mould/GVC sent flyers advertising the SUNY Speaks up rally hosted by ESC at the Albany Plaza to Student Service Professionals throughout college. Group/SUNY students are advocating for reinstating TAP for graduate students, and also ensuring that veterans in state or not get in state tuition. Rally is April 1, 9-11 AM. Scheduling meetings with legislators, will assist students in coordinating the meetings. More voices and attention needed to help students realize the impact for students. Rational tuition cycle coming to close in 2015, students concerned about a continuation. Students need to take a stand and have their voices heard. The rally was arranged around SUNY Innovative Exploration forum and Chancellor’s awards. Info was sent to Van Arsdale. Press will be there. SUNY event but want to have ESC presence. Have list of legislators that they contacted and set up appointments with.

Announcements: Members of our committee, Lori Mould, Sandra Barkevich, Danny F. won Chancellor’s Awards. Look for Lori Mould on YouTube.

The president of SUNY student assembly along with Lori and two other students went to Albany to address and testify before the Joint Legislative Committee. Concerns raised were how budget cuts have been detrimental to our students affecting retention and completion.

Lori Mould: ESC rep for student assembly seeking student involvement, email regarding Student Voices. Conference registration is free. First annual, for more info contact Lori. Registration is open now. Anyone, not just students welcome. Good keynote speakers.

Next meet at Wellness Conference. Thursday of All College, Jim’s group going to Café Lena, let Jim know if you want to go with their group.

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