Peer Leadership Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 12, 2010  
Russell House Room 201

Attendees: Melissia Brannen, Emily Davis, Jimmie Gahagan, Corley Hopkins, Janie Kerzan, Toby Lovell, Sarah Morgan, Adrienne Mojzik, Mike Ormsby, Michelle Peer, Samantha Rosser, Leon Thomas, Ryan Wilson, David Whiteman

Introductions

• Name one thing you have learned from a peer leader you have worked with.

3rd Annual Peer Leadership Survey

o The survey is now live and will be open until midnight on Friday, March 5.
o Please send it out to your peer leaders and frequently encourage them to complete the survey.
o We will hold some focus groups after the survey is completed.

PLAN

• PLAN Survey Results
  o Being overcommitted and stressed was the main issue advisors see their peer leaders facing.
  o Best practices advisors mentioned frequently include communication, meeting, and connection with students.
  o Benefits of a centralized PLAN mentioned include communication and sharing ideas, opportunities, and resources; these were also mentioned as ways we can support advisors and peer leaders.
  o Recommendations included holding a peer leadership fair and giving advisors more time for the training, recruitment, and selection of peer leaders.

• Evaluating the Purpose of PLAN
  o Sharing resources, ideas, and streamlining peer leadership
  o The suggestion was made to preselect ideas or topics for discussion at the meetings and having everyone contribute.

• Ways to Support You
  o The group discussed that it would be beneficial to have more communication and to meet more frequently, at least three times a semester. The group decided to schedule a meeting in March.

Centralization Issues

• Common Nomination Forms
  o Those who are using the forms said they were very helpful; we are making steps towards expanding their use.

• Bacchus Training
  o This training is very useful and can afford students a certification.

• New Ideas for Collaboration
The ideas of having training sessions and other events together and sharing resources were suggested. Having a shared common calendar of events was mentioned as a good idea to prevent overlapping events and to further promote collaborative events.

**Peer Leadership Training Materials**
- Bacchus training materials have been offered for use.
- The Leadership Library in the Student Government office was mentioned as a useful resource.

**New Events/Ideas**
- Experiential Education Week (Monday, February 22- Thursday, February 25)

**Experiential Education Week Schedule**

**Monday, February 22**
- 5pm -6pm – Employer Panel, Career Center, 602B
- Hear about the benefits of Experiential Education from potential employers

**Tuesday, February 23**
- 4pm-5pm – Student Panel, Career Center, 602B
- Hear from your peers about their internship and co-op experiences

**Wednesday, February 24**
- 11am-2pm – Major and Information fair, RH Lobby
- You don’t want to miss the Major and Information Fair on **Wednesday February 24, 2010 from 11am-2pm in the Russell House Lobby**. You will have the opportunity to learn more about the variety of majors offered on campus, have academic questions addressed, explore engaging in high impact activities like, study abroad, National Student Exchange, service-learning, and undergraduate research, and get more involved on campus. Free food will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Corley Hopkins at 777-6336 or hopkinsc@mailbox.sc.edu.

- 3pm-4pm – Co-op pre-enrollment, Swearingen Career Center Office
- 6pm-8pm – “What Not to Wear and…Say,” Career Center, 602B
- Learn how to dress for success and what answers will and won’t help you land a job – representatives from Belk will be here providing guidance and clothing for
“What Not to Wear” and a career counselor will be presenting on “What Not to Say”

- **Thursday, February 25**
  - 1pm-2pm – *Market your Peer Leadership*, RH 205
    - Learn how to make peer leadership experiences work on your resume and in an interview
  - 12pm- 4pm – *Resume Blitz*, Career Center and RH Lobby
    - Bring your resume to the Russell House and have a member of the career Center Staff look over your resume

- Peer Leadership Day/Week
  - “Ask Me about Peer Leadership”
    - We discussed creating a small handout for students who are asked about peer leadership to hand to those who ask them about their sticker and perhaps have information about an event/informational session for peer leadership on it.

- Social/Networking Event
  - We discussed having a fall fair or social event around class registration time for peer leadership groups to recruit new members.

- Marketing Peer Leadership
  - We discussed the value of marketing in the following ways:
    - Career Center Events
    - Orientation
    - Web Profiles and Student Profiles
      - Please make sure your Peer Leadership Web Profile is up-to-date and send us the names of students you would like to recognize on our website.

**Peer Leader Opportunities**

- What opportunities currently exist?
  - SLDC follow-up
- LEAD Retreat
  - LEAD Retreat (Leadership Enrichment And Development Retreat) is a program put on by Leadership Programs at USC and is designed for the top level student leaders on the University of South Carolina’s campus. LEAD Retreat is open to the top 50 leaders on the University of South Carolina campus. Applications will be reviewed for the LEAD Retreat in the spring. We encourage you to publicize this opportunity to your peer leaders.
  - Emerging Leaders
  - The Emerging Leaders Program I (ELP I) focuses on Learning to Lead Self and strive to provide students with the tools that they need to become successful student leaders at the University of South Carolina. For more information, see [http://www.sa.sc.edu/leaders/elp1.shtm](http://www.sa.sc.edu/leaders/elp1.shtm).
- Hero Awards Ceremony recognizing bystanders for standing up at 6:30pm on April 6 in the Russell House. Please visit the Bystander Accountability Website for more information about Hero Awards at http://www.sa.sc.edu/shs/tshc/bystanderaccountability.shtml.
- Discovery Day
  - April 23, 2010 in the Russell House
  - Student can present on their experiences or findings as peer leaders.
  - If you were to design a new leadership program, what would it be?