PLAN meeting minutes
9 September 2011

In attendance: Alicia Bervine, Michelle Ganio, Tori Bucher, Katie Granger, Margaret Bounds, Kevin Elliott, Heather Porter, Catherine Sale, Kristina Summey, Christie Hofmockel, Maggie Leitch, Natalie Cruz, Emily Davis, Gavin Weiser, Kenneth S. Frierson, Kimberly Dressler, Adrienne Mojzik, Paul Millard, Jaimie Shook, Asheley Schryer, Samantha Young, Theresa Harrison

I. Welcome and Overview

The idea of a peer leadership advisor and supervisor network came to fruition as a part of the creation of the Office of Student Engagement in 2007. The purpose of PLAN is to help coordinate/promote peer leadership across campus through collaboration, assessment, recognition and support of peer leadership.

II. Group updates

- **SAPE 803 Peers** Students not going to Georgia for the football game on Sept. 10 are encouraged to cheer on the Gamecocks in the Russell House while watching the game on a huge TV! The viewing party starts at 2 p.m.

- **Carolina Service Council** Additionally, on September 10th, 10 Ways to Remember 10 Years initiative will have a station for writing letters to soldiers inside the Russell House.

- **University 101** is currently accepting nominations for U101 peer leaders! All interested juniors and seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher should apply. Applications will be available October 7th. Please send student nominations to Adrienne Mojzik by email at mojzik@mailbox.sc.edu

- **Orientation** Recruitment for Orientation Leaders has begun! Applicants must pick up an application inside of the Orientation and Testing Office. Please send questions to Emily Davis by email at smily@sc.edu

- **Undergraduate Research** is pleased to announce that this year they have 13 Magellan Ambassadors. If you would like a Magellan Ambassador to speak to your peer leader group please contact Asheley Schryer by email at schryer@sc.edu

- **The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs** is preparing for Hispanic Heritage Month which will include Celebration Events from September 15th - October 15th. Please invite all of your students to attend! You can find a link to the calendar of events here: http://www.sa.sc.edu/omsa/files/2011/09/hhm-calendar-of-events.pdf

- **The Career Peers** just finished training and are currently working away. They had two returning CPs and added seven new peers!

- **Emerging Leaders Mentors** have been selected and will be doing their training session sometime next week.
The Emerging Leaders Program applications are due this Sunday, September 11th by 5pm. If you know students who are interested, please encourage them to apply at our website at http://www.sa.sc.edu/leaders/elp/

The Leadership Team has begun working with our office. They attended the Organization Fair and are currently working on outreach projects.

The Women's Mentor Network Registration is available online. Interested Mentees and Mentors please register by September 16th at http://www.sa.sc.edu/wss/wmn/

RHA On Monday, September 12, from 5PM to 7PM the Residence Hall Association will entertain petitions from Student Organizations and University Departments for funding from our Educational Programming Fund looking for programs that are relevant to On-Campus Residents and provide educational insights that are in line with our goals of advocacy and sustainability. If you are interested in petitioning our Executive Board for funding please email sorha@mailbox.sc.edu with the name of your organization and contact information for the individual(s) that will be making the presentation.

Office of Student Engagement is moving to Patterson at some point this month

III. Dr. Kevin Elliott, Director of the Carolina Leadership Initiative
- Dr. Pastides is emphasizing a new leadership initiative that is meant to strengthen what leadership at USC currently provides. The President envisions that the Carolina Leadership Initiative will serve leaders more broadly so that they can in turn impact other leaders.
- Currently the initiative has Leadership Scholars: 14 students who have financial support the development of community based projects (i.e. Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless, diabetes outreach group, etc.). Apps for next year will hopefully be out in March.
- Planning new program: the President’s Leadership Dialogue for January. Similar to the FYRE.
- The plan is to eventually develop a leadership studies minor
- Working on developing graduation with “distinction” in the leadership track, not on transcript.
- For more information visit: http://www.sc.edu/provost/leadership/ or email Kevin at ke@sc.edu

IV. NRC Online Peer Leadership Course
a. For more information Contact Nina Glisson, Assistant Director for Conferences and Continuing Education phone: (803) 777-8158 email: ninal@mailbox.sc.edu

V. Monthly Peer Leader Spotlight
a. Nominate your best student leaders’
b. Discussed highlighting student representatives of peer leadership groups through common nomination form. Lots of great suggestions and ideas on how to do this!

c. Will potentially highlight 3-4 each month, so it is not looked at as a competition. Perhaps have advisors/supervisors nominate, but then the nominees fill out a questionnaire so OSE can write the profile. Ideas were tossed around to do them in video clips. Could this also be a good feed in for nominations for the TOAST breakfast?

VI. Peer Leadership Hotline
   a. Much discussion. End result is that PLAN members will have an idea of a go to peer leader(s) in case they are needed for interviews on peer leadership or to help talk to other students about opportunities. OSE will route any questions or such to the PLAN member to contact the student.

VII. PLAN updates for the 2011-2012 academic year
   a. The annual PL survey is being revamped this semester to cut down on length and make sure it is asking accurate questions. The redesigned survey will be sent out to the network for feedback before it is sent to students.
   b. Recognition event is slated for November 15th at 6:30pm in Capstone. President Pastides was unavailable to attend. Planning for the keynote speaker to be a PL alum who has been out of college for ten or more years, suggestions are welcome.
   c. Professional Development event slated for January 25th in the afternoon. Topics will be selling your PL skills to an employer and being aware of your social media image.
   d. A welcome email will be sent to all PLs explaining what a PL actually is and listing all the PL groups. This group will be copied on the email that is sent.
   e. The PL web site is currently being re-done as the OSE web site is being redesigned. All PL profiles will be updated, so be on the lookout for an email asking for updated information about your group!
   f. A calendar for the fall semester and a contact list for all member of this network are attached to this email! The calendar will be updated again for the spring semester and sent out a second time in January!

Upcoming Dates:

- Next Meeting: Friday, October 7th – PLAN Meeting, 2:00-3:30pm, SEC Room
- Tuesday, September 20th – Major and Information Fair, 11am-2pm, RHUU Ballroom
- September 23rd- 25th- Parents Weekend
- Wednesday, September 28th- CareerFest- 12-4, Columbia Convention Center
- Wednesday, October 5th- 7am, Community Partner Breakfast
1. If you would like to work with a community agency in the future, consider attending the annual Community Partner Breakfast. Registration is due by Friday, September 23rd and can be found online at: http://www.housing.sc.edu/servicelearning/