

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Student Health Center Advisory Committee

Strategic Outline 2016 - 2017

Mission:

The mission of the SHAC is to work together to create a healthier UWO.

Vision:

The SHAC envisions a campus culture focused on health and wellness

Values:

- *Holistic Health & Wellness* - The health of an individual is important and inherently related to and influenced by the health of the whole community.
- *Collaboration & Partnership* - In order to accomplish meaningful change in the university community, individuals and groups must collaborate and partner with each other.
- *Diversity & Inclusion* - To best serve the university community, the broad and diverse perspectives of our community members must be heard and respected.
- *Assessment* - Thoughtful and strategic decisions can only be made when supported by data and assessment of the current needs of the University and its constituents.
- *Alignment* - All efforts toward health and wellness must be undertaken within the context of the existing University mission and goals.
- *Balanced Lifestyle* - Individuals thrive and succeed when they balance efforts toward work, play, and academics and co-curricular activities.

Student Health Center Advisory Committee Operations

I: Purpose:

- A. The Student Health Advisory Committee serves in a consultative capacity to guide Student Health Center policies, procedures, programs, and both long- and short-range planning. The committee provides recommendations and feedback regarding available and/or potential services of the Student Health Center, as well as recommendations for campus-wide health promotion efforts.
- B. The goal of the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is to enhance the health and well-being of UWO students and to provide an important avenue for students to offer input and assistance to the Student Health Service. SHAC is composed of students with an intense passion to help others.

II: Operations/Procedure:

A. The structure of the Student Health Advisory Committee consists of the following subgroups:

1. Leadership Team: The Leadership Team consists of the Director of Student Health, a Registered Nurse and Health Promotion Coordinator.
2. Assessment Chair: The Assessment Chair is responsible for collecting and analyzing relevant data to identify University needs, assets, benchmarks, and trends in the area of health and wellness.
3. Communications Chair: The Communications Chair is responsible for promoting the Student Health Advisory Committee as a healthy campus coalition and education members of the UWO community on health and wellness initiatives, services and resources.
4. Committee: The Committee is comprised of UWO students from a variety of different backgrounds, majors and co-curricular interests.
5. Specialty Committees: When priority health issues are identified, a new specialty committee can be created. Speciality committees can be proposed by the SHAC Leadership Team when a health issue is identified through data analysis and can also be proposed by individual student committee members with a concrete plan to address a high-priority health issue. These proposals are discussed by the Leadership Team to determine fit with the goals and mission of the SHAC.

B. Membership & Meetings

1. Eligibility: All student members of SHAC shall remain in good academic standing with the University during each term. Student members shall be registered UWO students each term except summer. A minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA is required.
2. SHAC strives to reflect the diversity of the student body and includes representatives from a variety of different backgrounds, majors and student organizations.
3. The official SHAC membership recruiting period begins at the start of each fall semester. Additional student representatives from specific communities can be filled throughout the academic year.
4. Applications will be accepted throughout the academic year. Those applying by September 30 will be given first priority consideration for the fall semester. Those applying by January 31 will be given first priority consideration for the spring semester.
5. Meetings will be held approximately two times each semester.
6. Leadership Team will be represented at all meetings.

- C. **Determining Priorities:** When a health issue becomes a campus-wide priority, the SHAC addresses this issue by working to change trends, norms, policies and/or available services. Health issues are prioritized by the impact they have on academic success and overall student health.
- D. **Decision-Making Process:** The SHAC attempts to reach consensus on recommendations for Student Health Center practices and policies and health promotion efforts. Final decisions are made by the Executive Board.
- E. **Project Implementation:** The SHAC develops and implements campus-wide, multi-level approaches to address priority health issues. The committee(s):
1. Uses data and research to inform services and programming.
 2. Balances evidence-based work with the need for innovation.
 3. Communicates with key stakeholders on the need to implement key recommendations.
 4. Shares lessons learned and best practices with the SHAC, the UWO campus and other universities (when appropriate).
- F. **Project Coordination & Communication:**
1. The Leadership Team will share final decisions on all SHAC recommendations. For recommendations that are implemented, the Leadership Team will share progress towards and completion of goals.
 2. Specialty committees will share progress towards goals at all SHAC meetings and partner with student organizations to increase student involvement and buy-in.
- G. **Resource Acquisition & Allocation**
1. Many departments on campus contribute to the healthy campus culture at UW Oshkosh and aid students, faculty and staff in achieving optimal health. The Student Health Advisory Committee efficiently leverages the knowledge and resources of its membership by enlisting collaboration on initiatives to share financial and in-kind responsibility.
 2. The committee is encouraged to seek funding from sources within and external to the University, such as grants, one-time funding from the Student Seg-Feeds Committee, or other money set aside to fund special projects.
 3. The Leadership Team sets priorities for funding and may advocate for or request funds from entities on behalf of the committees.

