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**AS/SA Sub-Committee – Summary of Charge 1:**

On Friday, October 14, Brian, Wendy, Neil, Alan and Annabella met with Phil Lavine, MD – psychiatrist from the Student Health Center. David Reetz, PhD, Counseling Center Director was unable to attend. We discussed the charge of the subcommittee and agreed on the following:

The promotion of the resources available to students through the faculty depends on 1) awareness of the location counseling center and 2) the list of services available to students at the counseling center. Knowing how to promote the available services has a lot to do with knowing what services are available and what circumstances might allow a faculty member to recommend them. It was brought to our attention that the Counseling Center sees, and is eager to see, students with a wide range of concerns, from the mundane to the serious or life threatening. The idea that it is not just for severe mental psychological counseling was deemed valuable and relevant. Therefore, it is as important to know what services are available before the faculty can increase awareness that they are available.

In discussing possible ways to promote the available services, we discussed the following:

- 1 Recommendation that the Counseling Center hire an Outreach Coordinator.
- 2 Improving and updating the mental health website
- 3 Improving visibility of the Counseling Center on campus and the web. Currently a google search provides a link to the RIT mental health website but this could be made easier and cleaner.
- 4 Improving recognition of the established 'Live RITe' program and available services through:
  - a Faculty workshops at the college level to give faculty tools needed to recognize mental health concerns
  - b A possible 'banner ad' on mycourses to increase visibility
  - c Organize brief information sessions to all faculty meetings and/or retreats across RIT.
  - d Improve outreach to Academic Advisors
  - e Email reminders twice a semester to faculty to mention Live RITe initiatives during class times. This could be a 'Live RITe' week supported by banners around campus. Give faculty needed information to present in classes at strategic times (prior to midterms and finals) referencing available mental health/Live RITe resources available to students. This doesn't target a particular student, but rather the student body during known stressful periods.
- 5 Implement a mandatory 'verification of Awareness' checklist through Oracle similar to the Conflict of Interest page

We understand much of this is based on the (assumed) Outreach Coordinator and his or her priorities and plan, and we feel that coffee mugs, flyers, magnets, etc. can be useful, they tend to get overlooked and forgotten. We were looking at more consistent reminders through places most often visited by faculty.