

## **Drug and Alcohol Task Force Minutes**

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- Discussed the results of the Core survey on drugs and alcohol including differences from previous years. The numbers that were the most concerning to the group were in the area of consequences associated with alcohol/drug use (eg. 23% thought they might have a drinking/drug problem, 12% seriously considered suicide, etc) and environmental concerns (e.g. 40% had disrupted relationships/concern about friends alcohol use, 39% have encountered an unpleasant living environment, trouble sleeping or property damage due to other students' drug use, etc)
- Discussed year end recommendations to the Dean's Office (attached separately) and goals for next year, which are listed below in no particular order:

### **Task Force Goals**

- 1) Survey to assess whether students' have any concerns about using the EMT program (such as confidentiality and medical amnesty issues) so that these can be addressed.
- 2) Evaluate and clarify the College's response to policy infractions: what is enforced and what isn't & making the consequences to infractions public and explicit.
- 3) Explore ways to engage the community as a whole in discussions about drug/alcohol issues.
- 4) Evaluate and clarify how the College addresses students' with drug or alcohol problems.
- 5) Review and revise current policy.
- 6) Social alternatives to alcohol/drug use (coffee shop, events, etc).
- 7) Alcohol at campus sponsored events (e.g. beer garden).
- 8) Assess current definition of "party" in policy and registration process.
- 9) Hampshire's public image/reputation.
- 10) All other drugs: tobacco, marijuana, hard drugs, prescription drugs ... etc.