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Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 11:27 AM
To: Thomas, Steve R; Anfara Jr, Vincent A
Cc: SEAT SexWeekUT; Clark, Jacob Dylan
Subject: RE: SEXWeek at UTK
Attachments: SexWeekPacketFinal (2).docx

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Hi Dr. Thomas and Faculty Senate Officers,

Jacob Clark and I are the organizers of UT's inaugural Sex Week. I think you will be interested in this long-term project we're trying to start. Jacob and I are looking for support in our endeavor. We met with Dr. Beauvais Lyons today, and he encouraged us to contact you. Other professors like Dr. Sacco and Prof. Heminway have told us to contact you too. We have also met with Dean Cathey to gather support for our project. We want to have the support of administration and faculty, and we would like to have your help in strengthening the ties of our event to the curriculum at UTK. Jacob and I would like to meet with you to discuss this. Please advise how/when this would be possible.

Jacob and I are both on Issues Committee (a committee under Central Programming Council with a budget of about \$80,000 that we use to bring speakers to campus). I wanted to bring Megan Andelloux (a sexologist) to campus. She was originally voted down, but we ended up bringing her this March. When she was voted down, I had an idea to do an event separate from Issues Committee, but then I decided it would be too difficult. But now I've decided it's not too difficult and will be a great event and very much worth all the work! Megan Andelloux keynoted at Harvard's "Sex Week." The event was featured in the NYT: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/17/science/college-students-opening-up-conversations-about-sex.html?pagewanted=all>

We feel as though this is an important event for several reasons. There are two major public health concerns in this country: 1) obesity 2) sexual health. The reason sexual health is a public health concern is not simply because people don't know how to practice safe sex; it's because the way we approach sex in this country--it's the culture surrounding it. There are little opportunities to discuss it. Sex has historically been a site of oppression; therefore, discussion about sex and sexuality are important because they involve ideas not only about our personal physical and emotional lives but also the sociocultural context in which we're immersed. Hosting a Sex Week on our campus would be about creating dialogue. It would be academic in nature and include some entertainment: religion and sex, abstinence, hook-up culture, film series, LGBT issues, politics and sex, etc. It would include a host of discussions. A Sex Week has only been put on at a few universities: Brown, Yale, Harvard, and Wash U. This provides UT an opportunity to do something truly innovative and progressive. We are modeling our project off of what was used at Harvard. <http://www.hsexweek.org/>

Please see attached packet for mission statement, vision statement, budget, and other detailed info. This event will take place in the Spring of 2013. I hope you can keep us in mind.

Online Media:

WEBSITE: <http://sexweekut.org>
FACEBOOK: <facebook.com/sexweekut>
TWITTER: @SexWeekUTK
TUMBLR: <http://www.tumblr.com/blog/sexweekutblog>

Please engage in our online media if you can and share!

Thank you for reading all of this!

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Joan: I have a vague recollection of the message to which you refer. I must confess that I am little bit embarrassed. Are you telling me that a message where the sender was "sexweekut@gmail.com" was something I was supposed to consider to be a serious communication? Well, I sorry, but I did not do so. As you wrote, this is a busy time of year (this year, for me, more than usual) and that sender name was all I needed to see before I put the message in the recycle bin, along with all the other spam that slips through the e-mail filter every day.

Brianna and Jacob: I am sorry for the misunderstanding. I cannot go back to undo what I did, but if you send me your information again, I promise to read it. Only, this time, if you really want to use the GMAIL account again, at least CC your EDU accounts as Joan did here.

-Steve Thomas

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I know that Brianna Rader and/or Jacob Clark has/have contacted one or both of you about SEXWeek. (I am copying the event mailbox and each of them in here.) Jacob would like to make a presentation at one of the early Faculty Senate meetings this year to ensure the academic support (in terms of presenters, moderators, attendance, etc.) that they want to make this a successful program. As of the last time I checked in with them, they had not heard back from anyone at the Faculty Senate.

I know that we all are busy tis time of year, but this will be an important academic and social event for the campus. The educational programming that these folks have packed into this one week is truly amazing (if you haven't yet had a chance to look at it . . .). They have done a lot of the work alone to date, and now they need the rest of us to jump in and help make it happen. So, if you two are too overwhelmed, maybe you could schedule Jacob in for the meeting and engage him with the Research Council to help follow through . . . ? Just a thought.

Let me know if you have any questions or need me. I am out of sight but do not intend to be out of mind

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