FHC Meeting 10/10/12
7 pm HGS Common Room

Current status and next steps of each project:

Housing (Luke, Michelle)
Westville shuttle - ad hoc committee hasn’t met yet, planning to gather housing data
Bruce Alexander should have access to Broadway housing report
Getting pets allowed in housing will not be a priority

Graduate club access to gym (Eugene and Lesley)
Gym is understaffed, lots of logistical issues
Did an environmental scan of other Ivies - at most places graduate students do have limited access, money specifically earmarked for undergrads
Possible approach - discount for grad clubs to rent facilities as outside organizations, Yale wouldn’t be liable that way (undergrad sports have extreme restrictions re travel, alcohol, etc)
SoM has been successful at getting access to rowing, hockey, rugby facilities

Gym improvements (Mark)
In contact w/ associate director of athletics, will meet next week
Systematizing feedback about gym to make improvements
Gym wants to improve, just needs resources
Collecting feedback - electronic poll through GSA, maybe get the word out at the gym itself since users have strong feelings, digital comments box

24 hour access to HGS Common room (Nick)
Previous survey showed limited desire for extended access, but very few people responded Maybe we need to canvas people who use the room in person
Has to be a staff person present anytime the common room is open
Could install card swipers?
Dean supports this

Legal aid (Tiffany)
NH Bar Assoc does “Ask a lawyer” general interest sessions, trying to get that at Yale
List of lawyers who will do free consultations for students, cannot be made public, need a mechanism to promote it
Once demand is up then we can try to get funding, eventually try to get someone on campus a few hours a week
Should we do something similar with accountants/tax lawyers? Yale is not very helpful re taxes
OISS does taxes for international students

Healthcare coverage
Student coverage tax force will meet in late October
Looking at other options for dental plan – Jacob (GSA) and Ernest (GPSS)

Mental health (Jenica)
50% of grad students use mental health and counseling
Lots of waiting, inefficient allocation of resources

Perception that there are a limited number of allowed visits - official policy is unlimited care at physician's discretion. Supplemental care within health plan is very limited. Need to outsource this like dental and eye? Staff has Magellan
Talk to Lorraine, meet with her directly
Yale has a clinic for $25/hr?

Healthcare while away from Yale (Caitlyn)
Emergency is fine, hardest is getting care within US away from Yale
Next step - talk to Dean Harper-Mangels
Policy wording is misleading - only initial emergency care is covered

Everyone should update the summary document with progress made, Sabina will make it into a Google doc

Future FHC meetings: go through half of projects each meeting