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