**MINUTES**

University Safety and Health Committee

February 2, 2017 9:25 am

Student Center, 1849 Room

Attendees: Cliff Anderson, Laurie Colburn, Rene Karas-Johnson, Sally Lesik, Ellen Mantel, April Palombizio, William Reiser

Absent: Brenda Albert, Richard Bachoo, Sharon Braverman, Neil Glagovich, Karen Misbach, Ray Primini (DAS)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Karas-Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. Minutes from the November 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Laurie Colburn motioned to approve the minutes, and Sally Lesik seconded the motion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

L. Colburn indicated that the sidewalk around the Library was slick following recent snow events and needed attention. The marble steps at Davidson Hall are typically also slippery following snow, sleet and rain. Facilities will consider possible solutions.

C. Anderson informed the Committee that Safety Training for new classes in the Engineering & Technology areas are ongoing and will start within the next couple of weeks. He also noted they may need to schedule additional classes related to safety discussions as the Engineering (and Science) areas have experienced growth in their enrollment.

C. Anderson also shared his concerns regarding a number of housekeeping items at Copernicus Hall. He noted that the trash barrels on the 2nd floor of Copernicus are typically very full and not being emptied until just before staff leave for the day; towel dispensers are often empty or not working (he suggested that perhaps the dispensers are not capable of handling the demand), and that an odor was emanating from the 1st floor men’s restroom (near the elevator) where it appeared one of urinal’s was not working properly. R. Karas-Johnson indicated that facilities is investigating hands-free and battery free dispensers which they anticipate will address operational concerns. She also noted that a work order will be placed to address the 1st floor restroom issue.

L. Colburn indicated that ants had been seen in the Library ladies restroom. Housekeeping had been informed.

L. Colburn inquired about the status of threat assessment testing, R. Karas-Johnson indicated that activity will resume shortly.

R. Karas-Johnson advised that the wiring for emergency phones in the labs has been completed and facilities is proceeding with the phone installations.

In B. Albert’s absence, E. Mantel informed the Committee of B. Albert’s concerns about the level of security at the entrance to ITBD. R. Karas-Johnson indicated she would share these concerns with the appropriate individuals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

The next University Safety and Health Committee meeting will be held on April 20, 2017 at 9:25 a.m. in the Student Center, 1849 Room.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Mantel