**MINUTES**

University Safety and Health Committee

April 20, 2017 9:25 am

Student Center, 1849 Room

Attendees: Brenda Albert, Cliff Anderson, Laurie Colburn, Rene Karas-Johnson, Sally Lesik, Ellen Mantel, Karen Misbach, William Reiser

Absent: Richard Bachoo, Sharon Braverman, Neil Glagovich, Valerie Hamilton-Brodie, April Palombizio, Ray Primini (DAS)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Karas-Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Minutes from the February 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Laurie Colburn motioned to approve the minutes, and Sally Lesik seconded the motion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

K. Misbach developed CCSU policy to address each piece of shop equipment (tools & machinery). Highlights include not working alone and development of supervision and scheduled shop hours. A draft has been sent out for review. Discussion followed regarding dangerous areas, permissions for use and the need for adult/administrative coverage and support. K. Misbach has identified equipment or materials that pose a danger and has developed permission slips for C. Anderson review. K. Misbach provided a comprehensive overview of the research she has completed regarding health and safety training which has included a thorough review of existing programs and available resources. She reported that she plans to roll out a more robust health & safety training program to ensure the CCSU is in compliance with state and federal regulations. Documentation and training will address areas such as Bloodborne pathogens, safety skills and respirator use. Discussion followed.

B. Alert reported that the former Mitch’s Place located in downtown New Britain near to the Main Street CCSU building, will transitioning to a community mental health center. There are concerns about safety in the lobby as there is no police or formal security officer presence. Questions have been raised as to whether the security for this building will be ‘ramped up’.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

The next University Safety and Health Committee meeting will be held on September 21, 2017 at 9:25 a.m. in the Student Center, 1849 Room.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Mantel