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**University Safety and Health Committee**

May 4, 2011, 2 p.m.

Clocktower Room, Student Center

Attendees: Richard Bachoo, Sharon Braverman, Laurie Dunn, Dominic Forcella, Rene Karas-Johnson, Carol Morano, Jason Powell, Ray Primini (DAS), Coleen Sturken

Absent: Jean Alicandro, Clifford Anderson, Laurie Colburn, Neil Glagovich, Sally Lesik, Joseph Starzyk

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Karas-Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. S. Braverman moved, seconded by C. Sturken, to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2011, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

Campus Smoking Awareness Campaign *(schedule for Fall 2011 semester)*

This item was tabled until the next meeting as N. Glagovich was not in attendance. We will need commitment from one or more student groups to carry out a campus smoking awareness campaign.

Online Chemical Quiz for Lab Students

This item was tabled until the next meeting as N. Glagovich was not in attendance.

**New Business**

Campus Recycling Update

R. Johnson-Karas reported that the following items are being recycled on campus: batteries, light bulbs (campus only), electrical devices with a cord, cardboard and plastics. In the coming weeks and months most buildings will have at least one area with receptacles where these items can be left for recycling.

Threat Assessment Training

Recently, a threat assessment expert was brought on campus an offered training to specific groups and an informational meeting was held for all faculty and staff. J. Powell reported that CCSU has a Threat Assessment Team (TAT) charged with assessing whether an individual poses a risk and determining appears to be on a path towards violence. J. Powell stated that the team is able to bring pieces of information together from different areas in order to get a fuller picture of what may be occurring with someone on campus. The TAT attempts to derail those that appear to be on a path towards violence. J. Powell reported that research has shown that most attackers do not take sudden and impulsive action. They have a plan and have indicated the plan to others and have previously caused concern to others.

J. Powell stated that the TAT works in an advisory capacity and if you are faced with imminent danger, call 911. If the situation doesn’t rise to that level, call someone on the TAT (TAT members are: Anne Alling, Richard Bachoo, Tim Corbitt, Chris Dukes, Carolyn Magnan and Laura Tordenti.).

J. Powell noted that the there are various resource documents on the Campus Police website related to threat assessment, and the Counseling and Wellness Office has also distributed *A Faculty and Staff Guide for Assisting Students in Distress* booklet.

Review of E-mails Received

Chairperson Karas-Johnson reported that one email was received related to snow on the roof of Welte Auditorium. This email was addressed at the time it was received.

Member Concerns and Suggestions

* C. Morano: Noted that the broken pavers/concrete along walkways are dangerous.
* C. Sturken: Noted that some ash trays are not 25 feet away from building entrances and should be anchored. Chairman Karas-Johnson stated that there is an ongoing problem that ashtrays are being moved.

**As May Arise**

No issues at this time.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Braverman and seconded by C. Sturken. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary