

## MINUTES

### University Safety and Health Committee

September 30, 2011 10 a.m.  
Blue & White Room, Student Center

Attendees: Cliff Anderson, Richard Bachoo, Sharon Braverman, Megan Funaro, Neil Glagovich, Rene Karas-Johnson, Sally Lesik, Elizabeth Mashiak, Ray Primini (DAS), Coleen Sturken, Anna Suski-Lenczewski

Absent: Jean Alicandro, Laurie Colburn, Dominic Forcella, Carol Morano, Jason Powell, Joseph Starzyk

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karas-Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. N. Glagovich moved, seconded by C. Sturken, to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Meeting times

Friday seemed to be the best day for most members to meet due to class schedules.

##### Campus Smoking Awareness Campaign

N. Glagovich reported that he spoke to the Chemistry Club and they are willing to participate in this venture. He will have students mark off areas in chalk where smoking is not allowed (within 25 feet of entrances). He will tell the students to keep the messages straight-forward without any commentary. He will try to get it set up within the next few weeks. The plan is to try to do this once every semester (Fall and Spring).

R. Bachoo stated that we need to have the benches moved in specific areas around the campus. Also, when it rains or during other inclement weather, smokers stand under the overhangs and smoke close to the entrances. He suggested that we look at designating an area near buildings where people can smoke. N. Glagovich suggested designated smoking areas on campus, but R. Bachoo responded that there are a lot of issues with that. Would need some sort of cover for inclement weather, be handicap accessible, etc.

S. Braverman suggested that we make the campus non-smoking. R. Bachoo pointed out that enforcing such a rule would be problematic. It would require approval from the Facilities committee. This concept was attempted in the past but was not approved. The Revenue Services (DRS) Hartford location has a no smoking policy on the property. A. Suski-Lenczewski will check with DRS regarding specifics on how it was implemented and enforced.

C. Sturken suggested that the outside ashtrays be affixed to the ground so that they cannot be moved closer to the entrances. R. Bachoo agreed.

N. Glagovich suggested that the University provide more education on the subject especially at the start of the academic year, fall meetings and through publications.

#### Online Chemical Quiz for Lab Students

C. Anderson stated that before students can access labs there are specific tests that have to be taken. Survey Monkey could be used to keep track of students who go through the online quiz. S. Braverman asked if we had a rule about working alone in labs given what occurred with the Yale student. C. Anderson stated that Engineering has a policy about not working alone in the labs.

N. Glagovich asked what proof we have that we have provided students with safety information. Professors have students sign the safety checklist sheet which is kept only for the semester. R. Bachoo will check with Dominic Forcella to look at the possibility of a 1 hour lab on safety procedures which would then be recorded on the transcripts.

N. Glagovich suggested that there should be a policy on what to do when an accident occurs. Posted signs should indicate to call 911. Faculty and staff should know how to use emergency showers and eyewashes. Not aware of any emergency training in the past 6 years by D. Forcella. Should be an annual training.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Emergency Response

S. Braverman reported that a student passed out in Vance 205 last week. It took 12 minutes for the Police Department to arrive – same time as NB EMS. R. Bachoo will check into this. He reported that we are trying to work with NB EMS to get an ambulance stationed on campus.

R. Bachoo stated that in an emergency the correct action to take is to call 911. Fire extinguishers have been removed from buildings on campus. We don't want people to be firefighters, just to get out of the buildings safely. Defibrillators are located at the PD. At big events we have EMS on campus.

C. Sturken asked who would be responsible for a wheelchair bound student in the event of a fire. How would firefighters know where to find the student given all the areas of the Library? R. Bachoo stated that new cameras to be installed so that Circulation will be able to see all areas of the Library.

#### Review of E-mails Received

No emails received.

### Member Concerns and Suggestions

S. Braverman asked if there are any changes in the snow policy regarding the clearing of parking lots, stairs, etc. R. Bachoo responded that there are no changes from last year. If outside stairs are not cleared, call Facilities Management.

R. Bachoo commented on problems around Vance Academic. The pitch is wrong causing water to settle, rusting, cobblestones are wobbly. Facilities is aware of these problems and they are being addressed.

M. Funaro reported that the marble steps into Davidson Hall are very slippery. She witnessed someone fall on the steps. R. Bachoo responded that will have to have Facilities work on the steps to make them less slippery.

S. Lesik received complaints from Faculty/Staff in Marcus White due to the installation of sprinklers. Biggest complaint is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor occupants (Philosophy) since there is no attic in the building and the ceilings are low creating an unsightly appearance with the hanging pipes for the sprinkler system. R. Bachoo responded that the University was cited for safety issues due to lack of sprinklers in the building. The pipes will be painted white so as not to stand out. The changes have been approved by the historical commission.

M. Funaro and E. Mashiak commented that they have witnessed Facilities employees driving golf carts and other campus vehicles very fast and are concerned of the danger to students and others. R. Bachoo responded that they are supposed to drive at 5 mph. He suggested that the license plate be recorded and reported to Facilities.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Anderson and seconded by N. Glagovich. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna E. Suski-Lenczewski

Next meeting scheduled for 11/18/11 at 10 a.m., Blue & White Room, Student Center