**MINUTES**

University Safety and Health Committee

January 30, 2015 10:00 am

Student Center

Attendees: Cliff Anderson, Richard Bachoo, Laurie Colburn, Rene Karas-Johnson,

April Palombizio, Olivia Roman

Absent: Sharon Braverman, Domenic Forcella, Neil Glagovich, Sally Lesik, Carol Morano, Ray Primini (DAS), Joseph Starzyk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Karas-Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 10:12 am. November 21, 2014 minutes were reviewed. L. Colburn motioned, and C. Anderson seconded to approve the minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

E-Cigarettes:

* R. Bachoo advised that e-cigarettes are considered the same as traditional cigarettes for the purpose of the No-Smoking Policy. He will confirm that Residence Life is aware, and will bring this along with the No-Smoking Policy to the Executive Committee for discussion. R. Bachoo further advised that the No Smoking Policy Statement will be distributed once per semester. A. Palombizio later suggested that information concerning the Smoking Cessation Program offered through Wellness Services be attached to the No Smoking Policy communication.
* It was later noted that there were approximately 2-3 e-cigarettes related fire alarms last week.
* C. Anderson shared his observation that the designated smoking areas have improved smoking issues around Copernicus.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Review of E-mails Received

No e-mails received.

Residence Hall Construction and Traffic Flow:

R. Karas advised that the area between Kaiser and the library will be tented for approximately 1 month. Additional signage will be posted on Ella Grasso Boulevard. Per R. Bachoo, a consultant’s study revealed 97% of people speed on this roadway, and campus police are increasing their vigilance in enforcing the speed limit.

Blue Light Boxes: Per R. Bachoo, Lt. Cervoni is working with a CCSU student to produce a written article for the Central Recorder.

On Campus Cameras: Per R. Bachoo, the number of cameras is increasing, particularly along the East St. sidewalk area and call boxes on campus

Threat Assessment Training: Per R. Bachoo, Administrative Affairs will be conducting on-campus threat assessment training which will include how to handle student behavior or issues. This 30-minute training begins on Thursday, February 5, 2015 in Davidson Hall and will be offered campus wide on other dates/campus locations in the future.

Member Concerns and Suggestions

* C. Anderson advised that restroom/classroom cleaning supplies, particularly in Copernicus Hall bathrooms, appear to be low. R. Karas will notify Facilities and asked that any concerns (supplies, broken or vandalized

equipment, etc.) are reported to [workorders@ccsu.edu](mailto:workorders@ccsu.edu); Facilities is available 24 hours/7 days per week. R. Bachoo asked that custodial staff check these high traffic areas often.

* C. Anderson noted that hand sanitizers appear to be refilled once monthly. R. Bachoo shared that these dispensers have been quite effective. A. Palombizio agreed that Wellness Services uses theirs frequently. R. Bachoo advised that these should be checked weekly in large classroom areas.
* L. Colburn noted that paper towel dispensers in the library (particularly those with motion sensors) appear to lose power daily (1st floor and 4th floor student/public restroom). She also advised that there is limited hot water coming from the 4th floor bathroom sinks.
* O. Roman shared her observation that stairwells in the Vance Parking Garage smell heavily of cigarette and marijuana smoke. Per R. Bachoo, the police are aware and are working on improving the situation.
* C. Anderson announced that the GeoTech laboratory in Copernicus Hall, Room 120 has been completed and is handicap accessible. An open house is expected soon.
* R. Bachoo advised that an annunciator system has been installed on campus to amplify emergency messages.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

O. Roman