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**University Safety and Health Committee**

February 11, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Blue & White Room, Student Center

Attendees: Brenda Albert, Jean Alicandro, Clifford Anderson, Richard Bachoo, Laurie Colburn, Laurie Dunn, Dominic Forcella, Rene Karas-Johnson, Coleen Sturken

Absent: Sharon Braverman , Neil Glagovich, Sally Lesik, Karen Perezi, Jason Powell, Ray Primini (DAS), Joseph Starczyk

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Karas-Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. C. Anderson moved, seconded by L. Colburn, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2009, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

Go Red for Women Campaign

L. Dunn provided an overview of Central’s Go Red for Women campaign that was held February 1-5, 2010, to bring awareness to women’s heart health. The week culminated with Wear Red Day on Friday, February 5th. The campaign was sponsored by the Administrative Clerical Bargaining Unit, the Committee on the Concerns of Women, the Ruth Boyea Women’s Center, the Safety and Health Committee and the Human Resources Department. The campaign was very successful with more than $2,000 raised for the American Heart Association, and coverage of the Wear Red Day event by NBC 30-TV news, the New Britain Herald, The Hartford Courant, and the Central Courier.

L. Colburn thanked fellow Committee members for their support and generosity of the Go Red for Women campaign.

L. Dunn also noted that on April 19th, during Employee Appreciation Week, the Department of Human Resources will continue this awareness program and will have Dr. Anita Kelsey from St. Francis Hospital conduct a workshop on women’s heart health issues.

**New Business**

Review of Emails Received

An email was received concerning the condition of the walkway and stairs outside of the library after the December 9, 2009, snow storm. Chairperson Karas-Johnson reported that Facilities Management went onsite to see the areas of concern and addressed them at that time.

**As May Arise**

Signs Proposed for Ashtrays

R. Bachoo reported that a student group wants to attach signs containing anti-smoking messages to the outdoor ashtrays. The Committee was not supportive of this measure and stated they would prefer to continue the smoking awareness campaign to get the word out concerning the University’s smoking policy. The Committee suggested that the students and/or the administration offer smoking cessation programs in an effort to discourage smoking.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by B. Albert and seconded by J. Alicandro. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary