

Safety Committee Meeting

11/19/08

11:00 a.m. Cook 121

Present: Patty Todd, Jim Hamilton, Jamie Sovie, Brian Washburn, Sue Law, Bill Mason, Javon Joslyn, Will Fassinger, Courtney Bish, Quentin Grass, Brian Kurish

Absent: Brian Lee, Jessica Barrett, Michael McCormick

Convened: 11:00 a.m. Adjourned: 12:00 p.m.

October Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed, corrections made. Brian motioned that the minutes be approved as corrected. Bill seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed.

New Committee Member:

Quentin Grass was selected as SCA representative. He is a member of numerous student organizations.

Walk Around:

There was a good turnout for both walk arounds. Approximately 14 people participated at the 3 pm and 11 at 7 pm with 7 students participating for both. Brian Lee has been reviewing the list and has responded already that some areas have already been addressed. Many of the lights have been replaced. The No smoking signs are now posed under FOB overhang

Brian Washburn raised a faculty concern over smoking drifting into Cook Hall due to smokers too close to entrances and lack of enforcement. Bill Mason responded that it is the responsibility of the entire campus community to enforce the smoking policy. Faculty and staff have the right to ask for ID and students must surrender them as they are the property of the State of New York and it is stated on the ID. Names can be referred to Dean of Students for disciplinary action. The fine is \$10 and Dan Sweeny will require them to sweep up cigarette butts. University Police does not have the time to dedicate to being the "smoking police". Patty suggested that we need to heighten awareness by sending an email to the campus community especially with the Great American smoke Out on Thursday. Bill will send something to Stacy and see if Dr. Kennedy would be willing to send it. No smoking campus was discussed. It has not been a popular idea. Brian noted that a majority of smokers are young women.

Javon noted that lights from the Campus Center to Rushton were still not on. Brian Kurish noted that they are aware and it is a timer issue which is being worked on. Courtney also noted that lighting on the back side of the Campus Center to Chaney was out but Brian Kurish stated it has been fixed in the past two days.

Patty noted that the loading docks in the Residence Halls were identified during both 2007 and 2008. Brian Lee noted in the 2007 report that they had been repaired. Courtney noted that loading docks had temporary repairs done and tearing them out would be too.

Student Drivers:

This was a topic at the Student Affairs Director's Meeting the Day after this committee met last month and he received feedback from all the directors expressing the same discussion points. The committee agreed no further action was necessary.

Review of Gang Related Incident:

Bill Mason reviewed incident. All three perpetrators are out on bail and will be tried under attempted murder. NY Alert was sent out that night after the incident notifying the campus. Emergency Management Team met several times to oversee the campus response. Courtney's staff did an excellent job. Courtney also noted the UP's rapid response was instrumental in resolving the incident quickly and that as of this week she feels things are getting back to normal.

Bill Mason noted that other students were suspended but not all were related to this incident. The College took stance on those not attending class. There have always been problems with suspending students for not attending classes. Brian Washburn noted that academic freedom comes to issue when an attendance requirement is mandated. He also noted how some suspended students have been allowed to return to campus. Courtney will have access to EID so they can track those not attending class so she can monitor the Residence Halls as well. However, only 30% of the faculty uses the system.

Student Affairs had previously scheduled an in-service training by Lt. Demo from NYS Corrections who investigate gang activity in the prisons. It coincided with the recent events on campus. It was noted that each of us may have piece of puzzle and needs to be put together. Some staff that attended the presentation raised the concern over profiling. It was noted that being a gang member is not illegal. Bill noted that we have had members on campus for a long time and that they have not been a problem. Very few problems with graffiti on campus Often it is Greek related but as noted in the presentation it is important to cover it up as soon as possible which we do attempt to do..

Candle light service was also held on 11/6/08 on the plaza which was well attended

Sexual Assault:

Since the committee charge includes current policies plans and procedures for educating the campus community about sexual assault, reporting complaints to appropriate authorities counseling victims Patty queried the committee about bringing Melinda Miller in and along with Patty and Bill reviewing that topic. She also would like to review the pamphlet "I Only have Sex with Sober People Who Say Yes" which was developed by the Safety Committee. Brief discussion followed and it will be an agenda item in spring 2009.

Other:

Bill and Brain Washburn felt that the committee should review the new policies for snow removal. Patty will try and convene a meeting in December. It may not be in time for the students but she will try to get the policies to them so they can provide their input.

Approved: 12/10/08