

MINUTES

University Safety and Health Committee
September 19, 2013 10:00 am
Student Center

Attendees: Cliff Anderson, Richard Bachoo, Laurie Colburn, Domenic Forcella, Neil Glagovich, Rene Karas-Johnson, Sally Lesik, Carol Morano, April Palombizio, Ray Primini (DAS), Anna Suski-Lenczewski

Absent: Jean Alicandro, Sharon Braverman, Rebecca Straub, Joseph Starzyk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karas-Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. N. Glagovich moved to approve the minutes from the April 19th, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of E-mails Received

No e-mails received.

Member Concerns and Suggestions

- R. Bachoo responded to suggestion of banning smoking on campus, specifically in Residence Halls. This issue was addressed by ExComm who was directed by the President to look into this. Currently, no smoking allowed within 25 ft. of buildings. Complaints from individuals at Copernicus who have to walk through smoke to get to the building. Enforcement is an issue since there is no law being broken. C. Anderson suggested that the Safety Committee approach the BOR to send on to legislature – either a law or an executive order is needed. Would need to be a comprehensive plan for all of BOR not just CCSU.
- R. Karas will check with Middlesex CC and Southern as to whom the Safety Committee reports.
- N. Glagovich suggested that the Safety Cmte. send something to the President supporting a ban or supporting the enforcement of the 25 ft. rule. R. Bachoo agreed that the marketing of the 25 ft. rule be increased. C. Morano will draft something regarding the 25 ft. rule that could be sent out by Kim Karas with the campus-wide announcements. An ad in the Recorder was also suggested.
- N. Glagovich proposed moving benches and ashtrays and outside trash cans further away from building entrances. R. Bachoo asked R. Karas to have Grounds do a survey of all smoking areas on campus. SGA has offered smoking cessation classes in the past as has Residence Life. Should be offered again.
- C. Anderson stated that the duties of the Safety Committee members are to share ideas with the employer regarding safety, evaluate accidents, and suggest prevention programs. Workers' Compensation regulations establish the need for a Safety Committee.
- Coleen Sturken retired. L. Colburn asked to replace her with another A&R member. R. Karas will first reach out to the Maintenance and CPFU union members.
- R. Bachoo provided an update on health & safety changes on campus: active shooter training, safety updates to buildings, locks, blinds installed on office doors, and updated safety brochures.
- D. Forcella reminded that as the cold weather starts, space heaters are not allowed anywhere on campus.

ADJOURNMENT

N. Glagovich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna E. Suski-Lenczewski