

MINUTES  
University Safety and Health Committee

November 18, 2011 10 a.m.  
Clocktower Room, Student Center

Attendees: Cliff Anderson, Sharon Braverman, Megan Funaro, Rene Karas-Johnson, Sally Lesik, Elizabeth Mashiak, Carol Morano, Ray Primini (DAS), Rebecca Straub, Anna Suski-Lenczewski

Absent: Jean Alicandro, Richard Bachoo, Laurie Colburn, Dominic Forcella, Neil Glagovich, Jason Powell, Joseph Starzyk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Karas-Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. S. Braverman moved, seconded by E. Mashiak, to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Smoking on Campus

S. Braverman provided information about Columbia University's no smoking policy on campus. No-smoking signs are posted on campus. Campus Security asks people not to smoke if they witness it but there is "no teeth" to it. Not really enforceable. S. Braverman suggested this item be brought to the Senate. A. Lenczewski called the Dept. of Revenue Services but has not received a response. R. Karas-Johnson will call other CSU campuses. Manchester Community College supposedly has ashtrays pushed far back from building. Removing ashtrays can be problematic with people throwing butts into mulch, garbage cans and/or dumpsters which can cause fires. We already have some of that going on even with available ashtrays.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Review of E-mails Received

No e-mails received.

Member Concerns and Suggestions

1) Construction on Campus

C. Morano stated that a light was out by Memorial Hall by the construction area. Concern is that someone may get hurt walking in the dark. R. Karas will follow up. Concern also about the construction near Barnard Hall – stone/gravel walkway and what condition it will be in with snow. M. Funaro stated that it is difficult to get around the construction areas and get to class on time. Some professors

understanding. S. Braverman suggested that the Provost send something out to faculty to excuse tardiness due to maneuvering construction areas.

## 2) Snow Removal

C. Anderson commented that last winter there were numerous issues with snow covered walkways and sidewalks. He did see a lot of temporary repairs taking place. Outside treads on some stairs loose – noticeably better since repairs were made.

## 3) Power Outage – Storm Alfred

S. Braverman provided that at the Sustainability meeting, suggestions were made to open up the campus as a shelter for towns in the region. This may consolidate costs of such shelters in the area. Braverman asked if we could plan to be a shelter and what building could we use for such.

M. Funaro brought up issues with the Emergency notification website and the snow phone not be updated during the power outage as stated on previous communications. CCSU opened Thursday (11/3) but many students still had no power at home. M. Funaro and E. Mashiak stated that some professors not understanding regarding students' home situations or being able to get to campus. (The Provost did send out an email to all faculty regarding taking into consideration that not all students had power at home even though the campus was reopened.) C. Anderson added that it takes a while to get a big organization such as the University up and running even though power was restored. By the following Monday (11/7) we were back to full operations.

MIR system should send out a message about the changes to the registration schedule for Spring 2012 because of the power outage.

## 4) Miscellaneous

Governor to be on campus for signing of the busway contract on Monday (11/21). New bus will be on display.

S. Braverman asked if we were a mandated committee? Workers' Compensation regulations mandate such a committee with at least 50% staff vs. managers. C. Anderson had reviewed W/C regulations.

A.Suski-Lenczewski provided that HR will follow up with Facilities to insure that Workers' Compensation notices are posted in all campus buildings.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna E. Suski-Lenczewski