The Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee (CSEQ) met six times during the 2014-15 academic year (September 2014 through May 2015) to consider issues affecting the university environment, to take action as appropriate, to make recommendations to the President for consideration, and to discuss long-range plans designed to protect and enhance the quality of the campus environment. The appointed CSEQ Committee included the following members: Roger Maas, Executive Vice President and Provost; Dain Gotto, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; Mary Lou Read Dryer, VP for Marketing and Communications; Laura Beamer, Faculty Member by Faculty Senate; Ibrahim Abdel-Motaleb, Engineering Department Chair; Sgt. Dathan Jackson, NIU Public Safety; Ron Blomberg, NIU Parking Services; Chair Dave Scharenberg, Associate Director, Environmental Health and Safety; James Murphy, Campus Planning Coordinator, Architecture and Engineering Services; Melissa Burlingame, SPS representative; Tina Berg, Operating Staff Representative; Patricia Liberty-Baczek, Graduate Placement Officer; Graduate Teaching Assistant; Commander Joe Petragallo, DeKalb Police Department; Joe Frascello, Student Involvement and Leadership; Chalermsee Olson, Associate Dean, College and Technical Services; Arielle Kalvelage, Senior Admissions Counselor; Timothy Brandner, Public Safety; Danielle Snyder, Student.

The following is a brief description of topics discussed at each meeting:

**FIRST MEETING**
The first meeting of the academic year was held on September 17, 2014. Mr. Scharenberg, Chair of the committee asked introduction from each committee member then discussed the official responsibilities of the committee.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Crosswalk Safety**
  Lt. Jason John, NIU Public Safety gave a presentation on crosswalk safety focusing on programs that other universities have implemented. Attentions will be concentrated three areas, the entire length of Annie Glidden between Lucinda and Hillcrest, Annie Glidden and Lucinda and Lucinda and Normal intersections.

  Vice President Bill Nicklas addressed safety concerns raised over the relocation of the Huskie Bus Line loading areas.

  Chairman Scharenberg requested that the student organizations represented on the committee take the crosswalk safety issues to their representative organization to address further and get student “buy-in”.

- A request was submitted to the committee for the removal of live trees from the west side of the softball diamonds as the organic material dropped from the trees adds to the
deteriorations of the artificial surfaces in the batting cages. This was discussed further in the October meeting.

- The lack of lighting in the un-improved parking area, Lot W, was discussed.
- The State wide smoking ban was discussed.

SECOND MEETING
The second meeting was held on October 15, 2014. The following topics were discussed:

- Mr. John Laskowski, the DeKalb city engineer was in attendance to discuss options for assisting with the “Crosswalk Initiative”.
- Mr. Matt Conzales was in attendance to discuss the removal of live trees west of the softball diamond. The committee discussed the request and gave approve to proceed with the removal.
- Although the committee still felt that pedestrian safety is of prime importance, they feel that the committee has taken the issue to the proper level with in the campus community for continuation. The committee will move to other issues unless pedestrian safety is brought to the committee again.

THIRD MEETING
The third meeting was held on November 19, 2014. The following topics were discussed:

- A brief discussion was held on the traffic and pedestrian problem at the intersection of Lucinda and Garden avenues. NIU Public safety will have officers check the area at prime traffic times.
- Further discussion was held on the status of the smoking ban.

There was no meeting in December due to the holidays.

FOURTH MEETING
The fourth meeting was held on January 21, 2015. The following topics were discussed:

- The possibility of installing hydration stations in all campus building was discussed.
- A Smoke Free Campus Task Force was established and Mr. Scharenberg informed committee members should any be interested in joining.

FIFTH MEETING
The fifth meeting was held on February 18, 2015. The following topics were discussed:
• Again, crosswalk safety was discussed and some committee members offered ideas that have been used at other university campuses.

• Sgt. Jackson discussed the traffic safety program that is being put on at the Holmes Student Center by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives centered around “inattention while driving.” It seemed to be well received by the students. The program is free to the university and NIU Public Safety is considering the program for other areas on campus.

• Mr. Scharenberg raised the idea of using university open spaces for native prairie research and community gardening. EHS staff is investigating this possibility.

No meetings were held in March or April 2015 due to the lack of agenda items

SIXTH MEETING
The sixth meeting was held on May 20, 2015. The following topics were discussed:

• Mr. David Mannia from the dept. of Environmental Health & Safety at NIU made a presentation to the committee that involves using some of the open fields in the western areas of campus for native prairie restoration. Restoration of these areas could bring many research opportunities, both short term and long term, to NIU students and faculty as well as potential involvement of other area schools and universities. Mr. Mannia had contacted Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., an area environmental restoration contractor for estimated costs. Many options are available depending upon the level of involvement of other interested parties and the capabilities of involved personnel and equipment necessary.

• Mr. Gotto made a motion that the Committee approves of the concept of using areas of the western university properties and should provide a proposal to the University Council.

• Sgt. Jackson introduced Officer Weyni Langdon. Officer Langdon will be reaching out to students and other campus entities in an effort to improve many aspects of safety on campus. She will also be utilizing a driving simulator as a training device enhancing driving, pedestrian and crosswalk safety.

The CSEQ Committee will break over the summer months unless determined otherwise by committee members. The next meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday in September (September 16, 2015).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Scharenberg, Committee Chair.