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CAMPUS SECURITY & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
10/16/07 10:00 a.m.
Lowden Hall 304

Present: Deb Bryant, Gay Campbell, Linda Derscheid, David Goldblum, Carlos Granados, Joe Grush, Joe King, Laura Lundelius, Scott Mooberry, Cheryl Ross, Alan Smith, and Philip Young.

Absent: Stephanie Gay, John Jones, Daniel Leonard, Carl Leoni, Jim Murphy, Stephen Skall, Lori Sprague, Sherri Taylor, and Julio Topete.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by chair Debra Bryant who welcomed each member present and asked for introductions. Agenda’s were distributed.

- Scott Mooberry gave a brief report on the Interior Environmental Quality sub-committee and its history. His report included the fact that in May 2006 the sub-committee was instrumental in getting the university smoking policy amended to prohibit smoking in all university owned and operated vehicles. Scott is willing to continue to chair this sub-committee.

- Sub-Committee Chair Alan Smith reported that the Safety and Security and Exterior Environmental Quality sub-committees have not met since last spring. Jim Murphy will remain as Chair of the Exterior Environmental Sub-Committee.

- Jim Murphy sent two pictures of the two existing stop signs located at College Avenue [east-bound traffic] and Castle Drive [north-bound traffic.] Committee discussed various aspects of the possibility of a new sign and will bring recommendations to next month’s meeting after reviewing the results of a study completed by Public Safety.

- The committee spent most of their time reviewing the Smoke-Free Illinois Act which goes into effect January 1, 2008. Discussion revolved around space issues, safety issues, education and promotion issues, and time issues. Alan Smith will talk with the Department of Health and research fines. Scott Mooberry volunteered to talk with Northern Illinois University’s legal counsel and Deb Bryant will meet with Darryl Grayson, Interim Director of Grounds, to identify all smoking urns around campus. Joe King volunteered to work with Employee Wellness to see what sort of Smoking Cessation they currently offer or plan to offer closer to the time the Act takes effect. Since the committee is charged with advising the president on matters that involve enhancing the interior and exterior quality and security of the campus environment, time is of essence in this matter.

- The committee decided that Alan Smith will be the NIU representative to the Regional Training Sessions to help Illinois colleges and universities prepare for and respond to crisis situations of all types. Alan will attend the sessions in Aurora scheduled in October and November. Should he not be able to attend, Phil Young will be his back-up. Alan/Phil will report back to the committee after each session.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting has been scheduled for November 1, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in Lowden Hall 201.