The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by chair Debra Bryant who welcomed each member present and took roll call. Sign-up sheets for each sub-committee were distributed for signatures. Distribution was as follows:

- **Exterior Environmental Quality** - Mary Crocker, John Jones, & Roger Maas
- **Interior Environmental Quality** - Courtney Barko and Cheryl Ross
- **Safety & Security** - Mary Crocker, Linda Derscheid, David Goldblum, Carlos Granados, Debra Pender, Stephen Skall, Phil Young, and Kelly Wesener

**Exterior Environmental Quality Sub-committee** has not met since the last Campus Security & Environmental Quality committee meeting. Chair Jim Murphy gave an update on future projects to the CSEQ. Lot Seven is to be reconstructed this summer, the renovation of Martin Luther King Commons, and a Memorial Garden east of Cole Hall is also planned.

**Interior Environmental Quality** - CSEQ Chair Bryant gave an update on the Gabel Playground walk area. Chair Bryant then charged the sub-committee to bring a written recommendation to the next scheduled CSEQ meeting for approval.

**Safety and Security Sub-Committee** did not meet, but Chair Alan Smith reported that work is going on regarding bike and pedestrian safety issues. Smith led discussion regarding ideas that could be used to increase safety, as well as be used for a recruiting tool for Northern Illinois University. Smith also reported that Chief Grady was looking forward to visiting a CSEQ committee meeting and addressing questions regarding a proposed parking deck and safety issues. Chair Bryant has invited Chief Grady to our March meeting, where he will be able to address committee concerns and give direction as to how the CSEQ can best assist the University Police.

Chair Bryant led committee discussion regarding frequency of meeting times. Overall, members felt the entire committee should meet based on the needs of the sub-committees. A schedule was put in place for the next academic year.

Deborah Kern, NIU Employee and Audubon Society member visited the meeting to recommend ways NIU could possibly help the Audubon Society make a difference for birds during their migration periods. Ms. Kern presented information on practical ways the committee could help educate NIU on how to help – especially since the bird habitat population is decreasing across North America. Discussion followed regarding lights and windows and the hazard they present during migration. For more information, readers may go to [www.flap.org](http://www.flap.org). Chair Bryant and the committee recommended Ms. Kern contact the Northern Star and Student Housing and Dining to help further educate the university community on this important subject.

The committee also reviewed Greg Zanis’s request to place five crosses in the Kings’ Commons area on 2/14/09. After discussion, the CSEQ committee recommended the following:

- Temporary placement of crosses for one day only
- Crosses and memorial service Mr. Zanis has planned cannot interfere with other planned university activities
- The stand to hold the crosses must be temporary in nature only
- Associate Vice President Robert Albanese and/or Vice President Brian Hemphill should be contacted to negotiate an informal agreement with Mr. Zanis regarding the crosses.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.