CAMPUS SECURITY & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
6/17/09 10:30 a.m.
Altgeld Hall 225

Present: Deb Bryant, Gay Campbell, Mary Crocker, Linda Derscheid, John Jones, Roger Maas, Scott Mooberry, James Murphy, Cheryl Ross, and Alan Smith.

Absent: Courtney Barko, Carl Leoni, David Goldblum, Carlos Granados, Deb Pender, Stephen Skall, Kristin Waddell, and Kelly Wesener.

Guests: Representing the National Pan-Hellenic Council of NIU were the following: Quiana Jones, Olena Prince, Marcus Williams, and Asa Young. Dr. Eddie R. Williams, Executive Vice President of Business & Finance/Chief of Operations, Dr. Brian Hemphill, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Jeff Daurer, Director of Budget & Planning for Finance & Facilities, were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by chair Debra Bryant who welcomed each member present and took roll call.

Jeff Daurer introduced the members representing the National Pan-Hellenic Council of NIU. They gave their proposal for a Plot Garden on the west campus through a power-point presentation that explained the background, vision, purpose, goals, historical timeline, project plan, and fundraising ideas to the committee. After the presentation, the NPHC fielded questions from committee members.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, NPHC, is currently composed of nine International Greek letter Sororities and Fraternities. NPHC promotes interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information and engages in cooperative programming and initiatives through various activities and functions.

NPHC fraternities and sororities have traditionally had plots representing their organization on or near university property. NPHC defines a plot as a section of the campus where NPHC groups have an area to display their symbols. This area acts as a place where undergraduates and graduate members gather and socialize on campus. A plot can be a specially painted bench, a stone plaque or monument, a structure, or a uniquely decorated area that represents the history and traditions of a fraternity or sorority.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council at NIU was founded in 1975 and has stayed active through philanthropic projects, community service, and academic and social outreach programs. The NPHC wishes to build a plot on the NIU campus that can be displayed with pride to the campus community, alumni, and future students.

Called the proposed NPHC Yard, this plot would be used as a gathering place for events to display the unity and strength among NPHC members. The yard would give students an opportunity to have a more inclusive experience with NPHC events and contribute to recruiting and retaining students.

In May of 2007, a plan for the NPHC Yard was proposed to Dr. Eddie Williams, Dr. Brian Hemphill, and NIU. After this proposal, an architect was contracted for designing 3D images, and a landscape architect provided an overview of landscaping for the selected location. In February 2009, the main goal of completing the First Phase before Homecoming 2009 was established.

The Yard, located by the West Lagoon, would consist of 9 distinct plots, one for each of the sororities and fraternities of the NPHC represented at NIU. A raised common area will provide space for performers, and elevated discs will depict the shields of each NPHC organization. Maintenance would be the responsibility of members of the NPHC. NPHC at NIU has already begun fund-raising through annual homecoming dances and shows and back to school festivities. Future fund-raising plans include an alumni banquet, cultural bake sales coordinated with other campus councils, and benefit concerts and dances.

- The CSEQC members present on Wednesday voted unanimously on motion made by Mary Crocker and seconded by Scott Mooberry to accept the proposal presented by the NPHC and contact absent members by e-mail. Unfortunately, we lacked enough members present to establish a quorum. Chair Bryant will send the proposal to absent committee members in order to have said quorum.
Committee Reports:

a. Exterior Environmental Quality, Chair Jim Murphy – no report.

b. Interior environmental Quality, Chair Scott Moolberry presented the proposal for the No Smoking policy for the Gabel Hall Child Development Laboratory. The CSEQ Committee has been advised by Human Resources that the proposed recommendation complies with the Smoke Free Illinois Act with the caveat that no-smoking signs should be posted conspicuously in the same manner and style consistent with existing signage posted on building entrances across campus. After committee discussion, motion was made by Linda Derscheid and seconded by Dr. John Jones that the proposal be accepted. All present voted unanimously to accept the proposal. Chair Bryant will also send the proposal to absent committee member in order to have a quorum.

c. Safety and Security Committee, Chair Alan Smith. Chair Smith brought the committee up to date on several items:
   - New police officers are currently going through extensive training
   - Physical security analysis in progress to assess all buildings on campus
   - Survey and analysis of speeding patterns in parking garage
   - Consideration of more delay of the light at Annie Glidden and Lucinda intersection
   - Monitoring of traffic stops
   - Considering a public campaign for seat belt enforcement

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.