Present: Judy Andres, Debra Bryant, Gay Campbell, Linda Derscheid, Neil Dickey, Carlos Granados, Joe King, Roger Maas, Kristen (Waddell) Mommsen, Scott Mooberry, James Murphy, Cheryl Ross, and Stephen Skall.

Absent: Courtney Barko, Mary Crocker, Mary Grosch, John Jones, Carl Leoni, Deb Pender, Alan Smith, and Kelly Wesener.

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

Guest: Jeff Daurer, Director of Budget & Planning for Finance & Facilities

Mr. Daurer distributed copies of a new sign for the Academic Advising Center for the committee’s review while giving a brief history of signage on campus. The new sign at the Academic Advising Center is black, red, and white, Huskie colors, and is treated for resistance to graffiti and is made of aluminum. The new sign should be more difficult to damage and/or destroy than many signs around the campus and it should have a long life. Signs will be replaced one by one on campus, as needed, due to budgetary constraints rather than replacing all signs on campus at the current time. The committee approved the signage and encouraged Mr. Daurer to consider using the font that will be specified by the new division of University Relations for usage on campus.

Mr. Daurer is also Chair of Task Force for a Sustainable Campus Environment. The ‘Green Team’ is a new task force that strives every day to become leaders in environmental sustainability. They meet quarterly and have strategic players from all over campus involved in the task force. They have learned that little things can have a big impact on resources. After leading general discussion and answering questions, Mr. Daurer recommended the committee members go to www.gogreen.niu.edu to see what is being done. He also encouraged committee members to help “get the word out” about green initiatives on campus.

Mr. Daurer also defined Capital Improvement Projects. This definition is of great importance to the Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee, as it helps the group know which requests the committee can act upon and which requests should be referred to Mr. Daurer. Any time there is a request for a permanent improvement on campus, it should go through Mr. Daurer before consideration by the committee. The committee should establish priorities for temporary improvements.

Chair Bryant reviewed the role and mission of the CSEQ committee and thanked members for their regular attendance. When voting on matters, a quorum must be present. When the committee approves a request, a proposal is forwarded to the president’s designee, Dr. Eddie R. Williams, for approval.

The committee was busy this past summer and Dr. Williams has approved the National Pan-Hellenic Council Yard proposal as well as the “Huskies on Parade” proposal sent to him by the CSEQC.

Chair Bryant also reminded committee members to sign up to serve on at least one sub-committee as that is where the crux of the work is done before proposals, votes, or recommendations can continue.

Review of Summer Events

a. Huskies on Parade Dogs Request by Becky Harlow. Approved on 9/2/09 by Dr. Williams.
b. Gabel No-Smoking Signs in Playground Area. Approved on 9/2/09 by Dr. Williams.
c. Banner Request by Lois Self on behalf of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Request withdrawn on 9/10/09 by Dr. Self.
d. Plot Garden by National Pan-Hellenic Counsel, NPHC. Approved by Dr. Williams 6/17/09.
Committee Reports:

a. Exterior Environmental Quality, Chair Jim Murphy – reported a busy summer while reviewing the construction projects that took place this summer such as the renovation of Lot 7 – west of the Health Center, the new play structure at the Child Care Center, and a small drainage project north of Barsema Hall. Chair Murphy also informed the committee that work was under way to improve the water quality in the pond east of Barsema Hall, as well as all ponds on campus.

b. Interior environmental Quality, Chair Scott Mooberry presented that the No Smoking policy has been in effect since January 1, 2008. He asked that committee members begin to notice the condition of the signs in buildings for wear or tear and to contact Building Services for any needed replacements. At the same time, he asked that urns be checked also. The main issue with this federally mandated policy remains enforcement – everyone must take a proactive role and be ambassadors for enforcement.

c. Safety and Security Committee, Chair Alan Smith – no report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.