CAMPUS SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2009
10:30 AM
Lowden 301

Present: Scott Mooberry, Alan Smith, Roger Maas, Kristen Mommsen, Carlos Granados, Neil Dickey, Linda Derscheid, Judy Andres, and Cheryl Ross

Guests: David Goldblum

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by chair Scott Mooberry, who served as chair for the meeting in the absence of chairperson Debra Bryant.

New Business:
- Former committee member, Professor David Goldblum reported that the crossing situation on Normal Road is unsafe, largely due to the incivility of drivers pushing through crosswalks when pedestrians are present. While crossing Normal Road multiple times per day he observes many drivers that do not stop for pedestrians crossing in the crosswalk. As a result, he is proposing that the committee consider requesting that the City of DeKalb and NIU install “Yield” signs at the designated crosswalks along Normal Road to remind both drivers and pedestrians where it is safe to cross the road. Such signs are currently in use throughout DeKalb and Sycamore. Alan Smith with the Department of Public Safety stated that the Department frequently patrols Normal Road and is aware of drivers not properly yielding to pedestrians at the crosswalks. Smith stated he would investigate the matter further with his chain of command and update the committee accordingly.
- Mooberry advised the Committee on the anonymous complaint received by Debra Bryant regarding the public safety of the fountain area on the east side of Davis Hall. Apparently, the bushes on the east and west side of the fountain have grown so tall that they seclude this area, which could facilitate an act of assault. Beer cans are also often observed floating in the fountain on Monday mornings, which suggests this area is subject to loitering on the weekends. Smith reported that these overgrown bushes do need to be trimmed as they were identified during a campus-wide physical security audit that Public Safety initiated earlier this year. Mooberry stated that he will further discuss with Bryant to see if the Grounds Department can trim the bushes.
- Judy Andres expressed concern about the lack of external egress facilities for the southeast exit through the Honors Program office in the Campus Life Building. Mooberry stated that he will investigate further.
- The Committee viewed a DVD that depicted the operations at the Waste Management recycling facility located in Grayslake, Illinois. The DVD was very information and a brief discussion ensued after the viewing.
Old Business: None

Subcommittee Reports:
External Environmental Subcommittee – no report
Internal Environmental Subcommittee -
  ● Mooberry updated the committee on our response efforts to assist in alleviating the smoking concerns recently brought forward by staff in the Swen Parson College of Law.

Safety and Security Subcommittee:
  ● Smith reported that he would provide Bryant with a copy of the campus-wide physical security audit that Public Safety performed earlier this year for review as the External Environmental Subcommittee may be able to further investigate and assist in remedying some of the deficiencies outlined in the report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.