CAMPUS SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 20, 2010

Present: Judy Andres, Deb Bryant, Gay Campbell, Linda Derschied, John Jones, Roger Maas, Kristin Mommsen, Scott Mooberry, James Murphy, and Laurie Elish-Piper.

Absent: Neil Dickey, Mary Grosch, Earl Hanson, Carl Leoni, Alandis Phillips, Cheryl Ross, Alan Smith, Craig Sepich Steven Vaughn, and Alisa Von Hagel.

Excused: Carlos Granados and Donna Schoenfeld

- Chair Bryant welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

- Sub-Committee Reports:
  A. Safety and Security – Alan smith
     1. No Report
  B. Exterior Environmental Quality – Jim Murphy
     1. Committee met
     2. Murphy gave update regarding the historical plaque request from last spring. He will follow up prior to the next meeting.
     3. Murphy will follow up with the concerns about the exits at the Campus Life building and report to committee next month.
  C. Interior Environmental Quality – Scott Mooberry
     1. Committee met
     3. Mooberry feels the report shows projects that can be worked on by both the Exterior and the Interior sub-committees.
     4. Andres pointed out that the trees and bushes at the north end of Adams Hall need to be trimmed. Chair Bryant will contact the Grounds Department.
     5. Mooberry explained differences between things that are facilities and maintenance issues and those that this committee can work on.
     6. Mooberry mentioned fire code issues for holiday decorations. After general discussion, it was determined that Mooberry will draft a guideline reminder and forward it to Chair Bryant. Chair Bryant will forward to Cheryl Ross in the office of Dr. Eddie R. Williams for approval before sending to the Northern Star and/or Northern Today.

- John Jones spoke of issues of campus safety at NIU and the possibility of using the safety solutions on the DRU (Disaster Resilience University) list serve as a resource for the committee. Jones spoke of the emergency blue lights on campus, as well as campus lighting in general. After general discussion, committee determined the need to find out how often lights are checked to see they are in good working condition. Committee also agreed that information regarding the location of campus emergency lights could be discussed during orientation, in University 101 classes, and by tour guides. Murphy charged each committee member to call the Physical Plant work order desk anytime they see a light out anywhere on campus.
Kristin Mommsen reported on the Bike Program offered through Campus Parking Services. This program is growing so rapidly that 50 new bicycles have been ordered, bringing the total number to 130 in inventory. This rental program is for students, faculty, and staff. Bicycles can be rented for two weeks at a time, but must be renewed at the Parking Office. Conceivably, a bicycle could be kept the entire semester if the guidelines are followed. Fines are assessed for being returned late and/or damaged. All rented bicycles must be returned to Campus Parking by December 10, 2010, for routine maintenance and inventory. Rental for next semester will begin January 10, 2011. Currently, there are 110 people on the waiting list. Committee wants to make sure that future master campus plans include bike paths as standard.

New Business – Judy Andres asked about picnic tables that were on campus. She reported that one in front of the East Lagoon is falling apart and the other one has disappeared. The one in front of Adams Hall is also in need of repair. Chair Bryant will contact the Assistant Superintendent of Grounds and see how the campus can get more of them.

Meeting adjourned 11:35 a.m.