CAMPUS SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 21, 2011, 10:30 AM

Present: Jana Brubaker, Debra Bryant, Gay Campbell, Dailhee Cho, Laurie Elish-Piper, Carlos Granados, Carl Leoni, Laura Lundelius, Roger Maas, Kristin Mommsen, Scott Mooberry, James Murphy, Cheryl Ross, Donna Schoenfeld, Alan Smith, and Kayci Sterzer.

Excused: John Jones and David Long.

1. Chair Bryant welcomed the committee and had each member introduce themselves before reviewing the role and mission of the CSEQ Committee. Chair Bryant then asked sub-committee chairs for a general report and overview of the work of each group.

2. Committee Reports
   a. Interior Environmental Quality – Scott Mooberry
      Mooberry gave historical background of committee in matters pertaining to building interiors. Mooberry has been giving much oversight and direction to smoking issues on the NIU campus since the Smoke Free Illinois Act (Public Act 095-0017) became effective January 1, 2008. Since that time the No Smoking signs seen on all entrances on campus buildings were designed and installed. Educating the campus on the Act has been on-going and as a result, the indoor air quality for the entire campus has improved. Mooberry reported that complaints regarding smoking issues have greatly decreased. With no real enforcement policy, compliance remains the biggest concern on the smoking issue. Mooberry encouraged all to be enforcement ambassadors whenever needed.

      Maas gave the background of the English Language Services (ELS) program at the University Health Center building. NIU has partnered with this program one year ago for students from all over the world, most of whom cannot speak or understand English. Concurrent four-week sessions are conducted during the academic year. Maas reported that when the program started last year, it had 12 students. This year the program has grown to over 100. Mass continues to work with this department to help them communicate the no-smoking policy to all the new students.

      Other activities Mooberry participates in on this subject are: the City of DeKalb Environmental Commission and the NIU Green Team. Mooberry also shared that 95% of the Residence Halls now have sprinkling systems. He announced the E-waste event scheduled for October 19, 2011, noon to 6:00 p.m., at BSWest/John Deere, 1615 West Lincoln Hwy., for batteries, cameras, cell phones, etc. All members of the NIU community are eligible to participate in this program.

   b. Exterior Environmental Quality – Jim Murphy
      - Campus Life – South and West emergency Exit Walk Improvements
         Concrete was poured for the emergency exit on the south side of the Campus Life Building.
      - Beautification plan continues over campus.
      - Parking lot improvements will continue over next year or so.
      - Medians on Lucinda for pedestrian safety will be reconfigured and barriers constructed.
Intramural design and planning on the west side of campus is ongoing.

c. Safety and Security – Alan Smith
   - Police Department is growing and is working diligently to make campus safer for all.
   - Some officers on campus are in plain clothes; others in uniforms.
   - Late Nite Ride is back to normal hours of service – 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
   - NIU police working more closely with DeKalb police to have more officers around campus.
   - Constantly updating the Physical Security report. Smith encouraged people to be alert and send any concerns and/or suggestions to the department.
   - President’s Stay Safe mailbox helped greatly with lighting on campus to improve safety.

3. New Business
   a. Sign-up Sheets for sub-committee membership was distributed to committee. New sub-committees are as follows:
      1. Interior Environmental Quality – Jana Brubaker, Daihee Cho, and Laurie Elish-Piper.
   b. Chair Bryant announced the new system of Recycling that is being developed by the Building Services Department. Cho asked how the Honors program, housed in Douglas Hall, C Wing, can participate and where the closest dumpster would be. Bryant will check on information and get back with Cho on behalf of the Honors program.

4. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2011, in LH304 at 10:30 a.m. Melissa Burlingame, Program Coordinator at the Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, & Energy at NIU will be our guest at the October meeting. Chair Bryant thanked all members for their good ideas and participation.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.