CAMPUS SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 20, 2013, 9:30 AM

Present: Judy Andres, Tim Brandner, Jana Brubaker, Melissa Burlingame, Phil Carpenter, Daihee Cho, Mary Lou Read-Dreyer, Brian Glick, John Jones, David Long, Roger Maas, Jim McDougall, Jim Murphy, Ryan Neir, John Petragallo, Joe Przybyla, Cheryl Ross, Dave Scharenberg and Barb Stark (designee for Paula Lofgren)

Excused: Paul Carpenter and Susan Richard

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Chair Cheryl Ross
   • Since there were some new committee members everyone introduced themselves and the sign-in sheet was passed around.
2. The Agenda was approved.
3. The Minutes from the November 21, 2012 meeting were approved.
4. Josh Ott (guest) attended the meeting and gave a presentation proposing to revitalize the MLK/University Libraries Sunken Garden. He would like to name it the Shaffer Club Memorial Garden. He made the following points in his presentation:
   • It is dark right now and not kept up
   • It would create more central space on campus for poetry readings, concerts etc.
In the discussion that followed Josh’s presentation, Jim Murphy said 8 years ago there was a project sent to CDB for this but they have yet to see the funding for it. It was an approximate $400,000-500,000 project. He said they cannot start plans until they receive the funds. Daihee would like to include the engineering students in the planning. Possibly do a design competition? Josh asked if anything could be done in the interim while waiting for the funding. Jim said students could possibly do some cleanup in the area like removing the tiles etc. but he said not to put any money into it in case CDB comes forward with the funding or there could be some changes. John Jones asked if the institution could do anything independent of CDB funds. To do that the university would have to identify a funding source which might be difficult at this time. Roger Maas suggested for someone to go to the Library Dean and ask what they would like done with that space.
5. Greg Long (guest) attended the meeting to talk about the mapping of campus. He belongs to the Presidential Committee on Persons with Disabilities. He passed out a draft of an audit checklist. He went over the checklist discussing how they would do this. He has a student (Guy Smith) that has volunteered to work with this project going around campus to check the different areas to map. The campus is broke up of 40 discreet segments. He also talked to John Bass in the Foundation about compiling this information to present to donors. There would be a visual and written record of the mapping. Maybe use a GA to take photos for consistency. That would be no cost to the university because students would be doing it. They could make sure all devices like doors are in working order to provide a current record. Greg said this of course is still in the draft stage. Judy asked him if we see something that needs to be fixed if we can e-mail him and he said yes. Cheryl told Greg that he should talk to Tom Wroblewski and
Jim Murphy in Architectural & Engineering because they are the ADA representatives on campus. He said he will do that.

6. Old Business
   - Melissa and Jim have talked about the Garden and they are good to go.

7. New Business
   - Dave Scharenberg brought up the use/misuse of crosswalks on campus. He wanted to bring it to this committee so they could discuss possible solutions to this problem. Cheryl thought there was a new law that went in to effect January 1, 2013 that pedestrians can be ticketed. It has but is difficult to enforce. Dave said there is a lot of crossing at Lucinda around the HSC area. There are also students that don’t obey the signs at Glidden & Lucinda. Judy noticed NIU PD has been at some crosswalks and that has helped. John said we could work more closely with the student organizations to get the word out. Drivers should also respect stopping at crosswalks. Crosswalks have to be ADA compliant. Brian said at a university he went to (out of state) they made it inconvenient for people to cross other than at a designated crosswalk. He also said pedestrians could activate a flashing LED light at the crosswalk so the vehicle would see it way before they got to it so they could slow down. It was talked about to have a student led campaign, Cheryl thought that was a good idea. David thought maybe we could go to Brad Hoey to brand it. He also said we need to lead by example and stop for pedestrians at crosswalks. Crosswalks have to be ADA compliant. Brian said at a university he went to (out of state) they made it inconvenient for people to cross other than at a designated crosswalk. He also said pedestrians could activate a flashing LED light at the crosswalk so the vehicle would see it way before they got to it so they could slow down. It was talked about to have a student led campaign, Cheryl thought that was a good idea. David thought maybe we could go to Brad Hoey to brand it. He also said we need to lead by example and stop for pedestrians at crosswalks. It was brought up that it would be nice to get the statistics on how many accidents are the fault of pedestrians, vehicles or bicycles? Tim will see what the students in the Residence Halls think as far as a campaign on crosswalk safety. The question came up if there were fewer Huskie busses, there are because of the drop in enrollment and less funding.
   - John Jones asked if anything has been done about the bike paths. Jim said he has not heard anything. That might be a good question for Pat Bell.

8. Next Meeting – March 20, 2013 – 9:30 am – Location TBD
9. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Odom