CAMPUS SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 18, 2013, 10:30 AM
Lowden Hall rm 304


* Committee Chair

Excused: James Murphy, Judy Andres, Sabrina Hull, Sgt. Jim McDougall, Derrick Martin

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chair Cheryl Ross

- Cheryl introduced Dave Scharenberg as the new chair of the committee
- Since there were some new committee members everyone introduced themselves and the sign-in sheet was passed around.
- Mr. Scharenberg handed out copies of Committees of the University Bylaws, Article 16.3, read and opened discussion of section 16.3.2, duties of the committee.

Old Business:

- Melissa Burlingame presented a progress report of the ongoing Native Plantings Garden. A very successful season was achieved through volunteers and donations and much hard work.
- The Crosswalk Initiative, carried over from last year was discussed. Several ideas and concerns were raised. The committee feels that this is an important issue and should be pursued beginning with an awareness campaign throughout the student community. A suggestion was made of holding a “cell phone video” contest among student groups. For an initial action taken be the committee, Kelly Wesener and Lt. Jason John will research crosswalk safety initiatives begun by other universities and will report at the October meeting. Pending the outcome of the research we may proceed with contacting student organizations for assistance in communicating the initiative.
  
  Lt. John will also discuss a Traffic Safety initiative with the Chief of the NIU PD.

New Business:

- An issue was raised that the large maps placed in various locations around campus are degrading and in need of repair/replacement. Further discussion revealed that this is a tentatively scheduled project by the Associate Vice President, Finance and Facilities – Operations.
- Mr. Scharenberg introduced the possibility of reducing the number of CSEQC meetings to every other month. After discussion the committee elected to continue meeting on a
monthly basis with the caveat that the committee can decide if a succeeding meeting should be held.

- Paul Carpenter asked the question of how do decisions made by our committee interact with and get disseminated to other committees esp. with overlapping responsibilities, or “how does the committee fit in to the greater structure?”. Also, how do agenda items come to the committee and how is it decided what issues the committee deals with. After some discussion Mr. Scharenberg stated he would contact a representative of the University Council and get clarification.

- A question was raised about bicycle racks being full and students placing parked bicycles in a manner that blocks or restricts access to walkways and stairs. Lt. John stated that bicycles found to be parked in such a manner will be removed. It was suggested that improper parking of bicycles could be brought to the attention of the Northern Star.

- Additional bicycle racks will need to be approved by A&E services

- The sod placed around parking lot 2E (Anderson Hall) has some areas that need attention. This should still be under the warranty of the parking lot resurfacing project.

- A question was asked about the lighting in the open areas north of the parking lots north of the new residence hall. (Parking Lot W) Mr. Scharenberg reported that the Parking Lot W project has been moved forward to next year.

- Mr. Scharenberg showed photos of and discussed some of the many construction/renovation projects that have been going on over the summer.

**Nest Meeting – October 16, 2013 – 10:30, Lowden 304**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40

Respectfully Submitted by:
Dave Scharenberg