CAMPUS SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 16, 2013 10:30 AM
Lowden Hall rm 304

Present: Roger Maas, Mary Lou Read-Dreyer, Philip Carpenter, Laura Beamer, Paul Carpenter, Lt. Jason John, Scott Kangas, *Dave Scharenberg, James Murphy, Melissa Burlingame, Neil Dickey, Chris Brough, Kevin Malone

* Committee Chair

Excused: Tina Berg, Kelly Wesener, Judy Andres, Sabrina Hull, Sgt. Jim McDougall, Derrick Martin, Cheryl Ross

Meeting called to order at 10:30 by Chairman Scharenberg

- No announcements appropriate to the committee charter at this time
- The minutes from September 18, 2013 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Crosswalk Initiative

  1. Lt. John presented the findings from his and Kelley Wesener’s research of other campuses initiatives. This included U. of North Carolina’s initiative of “Yield to Heels” which incorporates social media, fluorescent green pedestrian crossing and warning signs at all campus crosswalks, solar powered flashing lights, and landscape barriers to prevent crossing at mid-block.

  The city of Pasadena, California has instituted “Stop B4 the Line” campaign. The effort also uses social media, billboards/posters and animated characters as mascots for their initiative.

  The city of Kirkland, Washington has installed “Flashing Crosswalks” or “In-pavement Flashing Lights Crosswalk Warning System.” These consist of LED lights embedded into the pavement, flashing lights on crossing signs which are activated by stepping onto a sensitive panel or crossing through a beam switch. The lights flash to indicate that a pedestrian is in the crosswalk thus warning motorists. Scott Kangas has seen these used in the Houston area and will investigate costs, manufacturers, etc. and report at the November meeting.

Thxanks to Lt. John and Kelley Wesener for their efforts.
The committee agrees that the “In Pavement” systems are very good but cost prohibitive at this time. It may be a long term initiative. Dave Scharenberg will investigate possibility of grants.

2. Other discussion centered around what initial steps can be taken at NIU. Dave Scharenberg will contact the Northern Star and find out about the possibility of articles being written to increase awareness.

Mary Lou Dreyer will contact Media Services for the possibility of design and productions of banners and costs.

Laura Beamer discussed the possibility of a student video contest to increase awareness. She had several good ideas of how to get students involved. She will also contact campus representatives for social media services.

The Student Association, (SA), would be a good contact to begin the process of student group involvement.

- New Business:

1. Dave Scharenberg discussed the possibility of transferring bicycle racks from Lincoln to locations of bicycle overcrowding. Jim Murphy said that it was a possible short term solution.

2. The sod at Anderson has been replaced as per the parking lot renovation contract.

3. A donation of $25 has been given to the CSEQ committee through the NIU Foundation with the request that the funds be used for the NIU Police and Public Safety program.

4. Mr. Scharenberg has not made contact to answer Paul Carpenter’s question of “how does the committee fit into the greater structure.” This issue again was raised following discussion of possible fund raising. We need to find out the mechanisms of this committee and how our recommendations would be carried out. Mr. Scharenberg will contact a representative of the University Council to address this issue.

5. There may be a state mandate of a “smoke free campus” coming up in the near future. The committee should be aware of this. We will set aside some time at the next committee meeting to discuss this issue.

6. At this time we will not chair sub committees. The committee agreed that working on things as group is the best way to proceed.

- Next meeting scheduled for November 20, 2013 at 10:30 am in Lowden rm. 304.

- Meeting adjourned at 11:24