Present: Roger Maas, Dain Gotto, Mary Lou Read-Dreyer, Sgt. Dathan Jackson, Ron Blomberg, *Dave Scharenberg, James Murphy, Melissa Burlingame, Tina Berg, Arielle Kalvelage

* Committee Chair

Excused: Laura Beamer, Ibrahim Abdel-Motaleb, Patricia Liberty-Baczek, Elizabeth Olson, Comm. John Petragallo, Joseph Frascello, Daniel Snyder, Charlermsee Olson, Tim Brandner

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30 am

2. There was no meetings held in March or April due to lack of agenda items.

3. The minutes from February 18, 2015 meeting were approved

4. Old Business:

Ms. Read-Dryer mentioned that her department, Office of Creative Services, now has a printer capable of making posters of the size that will fit on the side of the Huskie busses as well as larger hanging banners. This had been a suggestion brought to the committee last academic year during the discussion of the Crosswalk initiative.

5. New Business:

Mr. David Mannia from the dept. of Environmental Health & Safety at NIU made a presentation to the committee that involves using some of the open fields in the western areas of campus for native prairie restoration. Restoration of these areas could bring many research opportunities, both short term and long term, to NIU students and faculty as well as potential involvement of other area schools and universities. Mr. Mannia had contacted Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., an area environmental restoration contractor for estimated costs. Many options are available depending upon the level of involvement of other interested parties and the capabilities of involved personnel and equipment necessary.

Mr. Gotto made a motion that the Committee approves of the concept of using areas of the western university properties and should provide a proposal to the University Council.

The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.
Mr. Scharenberg will write a proposal with the assistance of Ms. Burlingame, to present to the University Council to seek their approval to move forward with further investigation of the possible interest in the project. No monies or agreements will be sought or expected without all proper approvals in place.

Sgt. Jackson introduced Officer Weyni Langdon. Officer Langdon will be reaching out to students and other campus entities in an effort to improve many aspects of safety on campus. She will also be utilizing a driving simulator as a training device enhancing driving, pedestrian and crosswalk safety.

Sgt. Jackson also asked a question about enforcement of the upcoming Smoke Free Campus Policy. This was referred to that committee.

6. Next meeting scheduled for September 16, 2015 at 10:30 am in Lowden 304

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:00