Present: Bill Nicklas, Roger Maas, Dain Gotto, Mary Lou Read-Dreyer, Lt. Jason John, Ron Blomberg, *Dave Scharenberg, James Murphy, Melissa Burlingame, Tina Berg, Patricia Liberty-Baczek, Elizabeth Olson, Comm. John Petragallo, Lindy Luchowski, Chalermsee Olson

Excused: Laura Beamer, Ibrahim Abdel-Motaleb,

1. Meeting called to order at 11:30

Mr. Scharenberg opened the meeting with introductions. Several new members were present.

2. Old Business:

Lt. John gave a presentation on crosswalk safety focusing on programs that other universities and communities have implemented. NIU PD has identified three pedestrian crossing locations that are of significant concern and will devote attention to these areas. The areas are: the entire area of Annie Glidden rd. between Lucinda and Hillcrest, Annie Glidden and Lucinda, and Lucinda and Normal. NIU PD will increase the educational opportunities through increased traffic safety training at the dorms, the Northern Star, the NIU web site as well as UNIV 101 class with the objective of improving student awareness of crosswalk safety. Lt. John will make his presentation available to committee members.

NIU PD will be instituting several student awareness programs on this issue. Sgt. John Votaw will be the contact person.

Many safety concerns have been raised over the Huskie bus loading area. Vice President Nicklas addressed this issue and explained the reasoning behind the move as well as the plan to move the loading area back to the west side of the Student Center. He also mentioned that the university is working with the city of DeKalb on the possibility of closing Normal Road to all but emergency and bus traffic.

It was suggested that John Laskowski, the City of DeKalb Engineer be invited to the next CSEQC meeting. Mr. Scharenberg will make the contact.

Mr. Scharenberg will contact the Northern Star to discuss the possibility of assigning a student to write several articles on the topic of traffic safety.

Mr. Scharenberg also requested that the committee members that represent student organizations take these issues to their groups for further consideration and action.
3. **New Business:**

- Matt Gonzales from the Athletic department contacted Mr. Scharenberg about the possibility of removing live trees from the west side of the softball diamond. The trees drop organic material into the batting cage areas and combined with moisture cause damage to the matting and artificial turf. The committee will consider the request and discuss it further at the October meeting.

- Lt. Johns brought up the concern of the necessity of some type of lighting for Parking Lot “W” (the un-improved lot to the north of Grant). Many people cross that area and there is no lighting. Mr. Scharenberg will contact the Construction Superintendent to discuss this issue.

- Mr. Gotto raised the issue of the statewide smoking ban. Gov. Quinn has signed the measure into law. Mr. Scharenberg stated that NIU legal office is reviewing it and he will attend a conference in late October put on by the American Lung Association on how to develop university policies regarding the ban.

4. Next meeting scheduled for October 15, 2014 at 10:30 in Lowden 304
5. Meeting was adjourned at 12:40