CAMPUS SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 11:00 A.M.
Lowden Hall Room 304

Present: Roger Maas, *Alan Smith, Dave Scharenberg, James Murphy, David Dosier, Abbey Thompson, Melanie Costello, Jeanine Clark Bremer, Beth Espe attended in place of Darren Mitchell, Virginia Naples

* Committee Chair

Excused: John Heckman, Mike Stang, Jennice O’Brien, Laura Beamer, Patricia Liberty-Baczek, John Petragallo

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.
   - Introductions of committee members and update of committee rosters occurred.

2. The minutes from May 18, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

3. Old Business:

   Dave Scharenberg discussed the successes of the committee.

   - Building Captains
     Dave Scharenberg and Melanie Costello attended the 2nd meeting of building captains yesterday (September 20, 2016). Dave Scharenberg stated that it was well received and that people wanted to know what their responsibilities are. Dave Scharenberg will look into that. Melanie Costello stated that people need to brainstorm on how to use building captains.

   - Emergency Action Plans
     Dave Scharenberg stated that the School of Nursing’s example is going well.

   - Weather Safety
     Dave Scharenberg stated that Tornado Safety Day was March 1, 2016. The next one is March 1, 2017. He suggested that we attempt to get on schedule by October 2016.
4. New Business:

The Committee also had discussion on the following topics:

- **Building Locks** – a discussion occurred about various door locks and cards used to enter buildings. Safety of locks and price of system were a concern. The intent is for all buildings to have proximity cards / locks to be controlled from the police department. Concerns are for various hours of students needing access to certain buildings for studying and projects.

- **Crosswalk Safety Drills** – a discussion occurred regarding increasing awareness of safety and asking DeKalb City officials about decreasing the timing of the lights at Annie Glidden & Lucinda Avenue and Annie Glidden & Stadium Drive. NIU Police places officers at Garden and Lucinda from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Mondays – Fridays) and Kishwaukee and Lucinda from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. (Mondays – Fridays) as available.

- **Fire Drills** – Dave Scharenberg stated that regulations require annual fire drills. Concerns were raised about people refusing to leave buildings during fire alarms. David Dosier raised a question of what authority exists to make people leave buildings. A discussion followed. It was also stated that academics are concerned about exams being disrupted by fire drills.

- **Smoking Policy** – A question was asked whether we have stopped enforcing the smoking ban. The answer was, “No.” It was stated that people smoke outside DuSable Hall and outside Swen Parson along Normal Road every day.

- **Speeding in the Parking Garage** – Bev Espe mentioned that speeding occurs in the Parking Garage daily, at the top of the hour. Extra police patrols were requested as a way to decrease infractions and to improve safety.

- **Active Shooting Drills** – a discussion occurred regarding the need for it.

- **Getting input from student groups & others across campus** – a question was raised as to the committee’s interest in getting input from student groups and others concerning safety, the environment, and other concerns.

- **Getting presenters and speakers to attend the committee meetings** - a question was raised as to the committee’s interest in getting presenters or speakers to attend meetings to provide information on things relating to safety, the environment, and other concerns.

David Dosier stated that School of Nursing staff appreciates police conducting building checks. He also asked if speakers and alerts work in case of another bomb threat. They do work and are tested from time to time.
Melanie Costello mentioned that NIU Police EMP Kyle Ullmark talked with off campus sites about what to do in emergencies situations. She stated it was helpful.

Virginia Naples stated that during the bomb threat in October 2015, some people would not leave the building because they were waiting for emergency notifications (for example via a fire alarm). She asked if systems could be adapted to provide notifications. Dave Scharenberg advised that things are in place to address it such as text alerts. Virginia Naples advised that some of her students did receive text alerts about the bomb threat.

5. Next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2016, at 11 a.m., in Lowden Hall Room 304.

6. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.