

Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
Public Safety Conference Room

Present: Cody Carter, David Scharenberg, Eugene Massey, Jennifer Manning, Joe Talbert, Kenneth George, Melanie Costello, Tom Kazmierczak, Vicki Collins, Bob Redel (for John Petragallo), Don Rodman, Chair, Nancy Skelley, Recording Secretary

Absent: Corbin Tyson, Evan Johnson, Jennice O'Brien, John Heckmann, John Petragallo, Laura Beamer, Matthew Parks, Susan Bidstrup, Tim Condon

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:02 by Chair, Rodman

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from 11/28/18 & 3/20/19 were reviewed
- A motion was made to approve the minutes by George, seconded by Massey

Old Business

- Rodman gave an update on the following:
 - New Residence Hall Access Control Management System - Grant Hall North will be going live on 4/22/2019, New Residence Hall will go live this summer, remaining residence halls to transition this fall.
- Redel gave an update on the DPD Safe Exchange Zone – The DeKalb Police Department has instituted a Safe Exchange Zone that is under surveillance 24/7. There are 2 designated parking spots. This is a safe zone for online purchase transactions and child exchanges.

New Business

- Dave Scharenberg, Associate Director, Environmental Health & Safety gave an informational session about the department. (Handout attached)
 - Carter asked about asbestos concerns with the construction at the Holmes Student Center. Scharenberg noted that all abatement has already taken place.
 - Collins asked for clarification on the EHS Department vision. Scharenberg noted that the main responsibility is to make sure that everyone makes it home safely.
- George asked for an update on the Annie Glidden North Camera System. Redel noted that the DPD is working in partnership with HUD to have cameras installed in the area. They are currently working on getting cameras set up in Welsh Park near University Village.
 - Rodman remarked that it should be noted that crime statistics are down in campus and DeKalb City.

- Redel noted that more landlords are giving access to their security cameras which makes identification of offenders much easier and results in more crimes being solved.
- Talbert asked if NIU has a policy on the use of motorized scooters/hoverboards on campus. Rodman noted that they are not allowed in the residence halls but there is not currently a policy regarding their use on the sidewalks. Talbert made note that if the partnership with VeoRide continues there is an opportunity to extend the ride-share program to include motorized scooters. Redel inquired if there were rules or regulations regarding bicycle speed on campus. There are none.

Adjournment

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 10:00. It will be held in the Public Safety Conference Room
- With no further questions or comments Kazmierczak moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by George. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Skelley
Administrative Aide



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Environmental Health and Safety

Department Overview

- 1950/1960s - Fire Safety Officer (FSO) responded to fire alarms. Reported to Public Safety then re-assigned to the Physical Plant.
- 1970s/1980s – FSO established fire safety program, which included plans review of capital improvement projects, service/maintenance of kitchen hoods, special hazard suppression systems and fire extinguishers and fire safety training for RAs in residence halls. Also established hazardous waste program in response to EPA RCRA/CERCLA regulations.
- 1990s – 1991 - Formally established as the EH&S Department. Additional staff hired to support asbestos, biological safety and weather safety programs.
- 2000s – Expanded to support growth in laboratory safety, environmental management, fire safety and pest control.
- 2017 – 7 FTEs support 20 programs in areas of occupational safety, construction safety, fire safety, indoor air quality, environmental management, pest control, and weather safety.
- 2018 to current– 5 FTEs continue to support and develop and enhance more than 20 programs; assisted in the development of and act as advisors to 4 safety committees; coordinated OSHA 10 and 30 hour training for Facilities Management personnel; expanded spill protection, water runoff, water quality and emissions programs; fire and life safety expansion and improvement

Mission

Our mission is to support the University's Mission through partnership, guidance, and education to promote health, safety, protection of the environment and regulatory compliance.

Vision

Everyone. Home. Safely.

Core Values

- Fostering collaborative relationships
- Transparency of operations
- Quality customer service
- Continuous improvement
- Team-based philosophy
- Provide innovative leadership
- Maintain technical expertise
- Deliver effective education

- Promote a culture of safety and environmental stewardship

Function

Our function is to provide technical assistance, education and compliance guidance with the objective of assisting departments comply with applicable rules and regulations. Specific programs and services include:

- Developing a variety of tools, resources, training programs and program documents;
- Serving as the university representative during regulatory and insurance inspections;
- Providing effective safety training and education programs;
- Responding to campus emergencies (i.e. fires, spills, chemical spills, environmental releases, etc.);
- Monitoring compliance by responding to safety related complaints/inquiries, conducting building inspections and performing program audits;
- Performing indoor air quality investigations;
- Performing office ergonomic assessments;
- Serving as advisors on various campus safety committees;
- Administering the campus pest control program;
- Administering the service and maintenance of fire safety systems and fall protection equipment;
- Performing hazard assessments during the capital improvement project process;
- Administer the campus weather safety program;
- Collaborate on projects with faculty and students in the interest of our “Student Career Success” initiative.

Interesting Projects

- Performed risk assessment of live body burn demonstration performed by Hollywood stuntman at Stevens Building.
- Managed cleanup of Cole Hall auditorium after shooting incident on 2/14.
- Oversaw a 1.5 million dollar environmental remediation project of Douglas Hall.
- Performed salvage assessment of mold-containing contents at Lincoln Hall.
- Performed fire safety inspection on Convo at request of Secret Service in preparation of arrival of former VP Cheney.

- Performed risk assessment of various student-sponsored events: 5K Color Run, Smash-a-Car, bonfires, foam parties, rubber ducky races in the Kishwaukee River, etc.
- Performed risk assessment for ROTC to land Blackhawk helicopters on the west side of campus.

