

Campus Security and Environmental Quality Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 3:00 pm

Present: Laura Beamer, Cody Carter, Vicki Collins, Tim Condon, Michael Haji-Sheikh, Tom Kazmierczak, Eugene Massey, John Petragallo, Committee Chair Don Rodman, David Scharenberg, Corbin Tyson

Absent: Susan Bidstrup, Melanie Costello, John Heckmann, Jennifer Manning, Jennice O'Brien, Matthew Parks

Guests: NIU Police Chief Tom Phillips

Call to Order

- Donald Rodman called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.
- Introductions were made by all present.
- Rodman gave a review of the duties of the committee as defined by the Bylaws, Article 17.3

Old Business

- There was no old business. It was noted that the committee last met in March 2018 and minutes were not available from that meeting.

New Business

- Rodman introduced NIU Chief of Police Tom Phillips.
- Chief Phillips gave an introduction of the Security Technology Improvement Plan (STIP) provided to President Freeman.
 - 5 years / 5 tiers
 - Tier 1 – Residence Halls
 - Tier 2 – Academic Buildings
 - Tier 3 – Administrative Buildings
 - Tier 4 – Public Access Areas
 - Tier 5 – Outdoor Areas / Parking Lots
- Chief Phillips gave an overview of initiatives that have been undertaken this fall and are ongoing by the Department of Police and Public Safety.
 - Safety Bulletins (Everbridge). There is a RFP in place to replace Everbridge with new product. The City of DeKalb currently uses Rave for their notifications. <https://www.niu.edu/publicsafety/emergency/register/index.shtml>
 - Safe-Selling Initiative – safe place for students/members of community to handle transactions. 24-hour manned area with video surveillance at the NIU Police Dispatch Center. <https://www.niutoday.info/2018/09/26/niu-police-introduce-safe-selling-space/>
 - Safe Streets Initiative in conjunction with the City of DeKalb Police Department: <https://www.niu.edu/visit/maps/dekalb/city-parking-ordinances.shtml>
 - Community Safety Initiative – involves increased police presence in high-risk areas

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- Questions from committee
 - Beamer asked about the safe-selling initiative and parking. Chief Phillips explained that limited parking is available in front of the PD with additional parking in the parking lot next to the Campus Life Building.
 - Collins asked if Safe Selling has been used to which Chief replied that yes, students are already using this service.
 - Haji-Sheikh remarked that building safety goes beyond cameras and questioned if Officers know what to do if there is a problem. Rodman noted that the Public Safety Emergency Management Specialists, Richard Ward and Lucas Ortegel will be presenting at the next meeting re: Building Emergency Action Plans.
 - Haji-Sheikh noted that he lives in the historic district and that the streets are safer and quieter. He remarked that students living in the area have commented there is no way for them to get guest passes for visitors. Petragallo noted they are available online and that the city has seen an increase in guest passes over the homecoming weekend.
 - Petragallo noted he cannot remember a better homecoming than this years. He also supports the Safe Streets Initiative and commented on how landlords and businesses installing cameras are helping to solve crimes.
 - Rodman noted the direct impact that the Safe Streets Initiative and Community Safety Initiative is having on crime in the Annie Glidden North Area.
 - Corbin added that he resides in the Crane Drive area and that with the parking restrictions, the streets are clearer and easier to maneuver.
 - Petragallo also noted that the City of DeKalb Police Department will also be hosting a safe-selling area at their station.
- Beamer asked Scharenberg if the University is supporting the replacement of boilers. Scharenberg noted that eventually the University will have one heating plant instead of two.

Adjournment

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28 at 10:00 am, AL203
- With no other questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Skelley
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