

Minutes from the Health and Safety Committee Meeting held November 6th, 2002.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Kathy Dean (Chairperson)

Beth Albertson

Chuck McKinney

Joel Stalloch

Peter Pessiki

Laura Bergman

Jeanine Walker

Robyn Herring

Mike Anchors

1. Approval of October 2002 minutes - Last month's minutes (October, 2002) were approved.
2. Safety report - The safety report contained no items needing an expanded discussion.
3. CPJ anti-smoking ad – Peter Pessiki led the discussion:
 - a. The CPJ staff said to Peter Pessiki the ad should be 100 words or less.
 - b. Peter Pessiki's impression was that it would be no cost.
 - c. Peter Pessiki suggested an eye catching title, "Free Cigarettes" to grab the attention of readers.
 - d. Joel suggested a subtitle "scent free cigarettes"
 - e. Joel suggested focusing on the scent free policy. He mentioned that professors often discuss the policy at the beginning of a class.
 - f. Several committee members like the idea of making the ad in the shape of a cigarette.
 - g. Peter will do the draft of the content, and the committee members will comment on the draft.
 - h. Peter will call CPJ to check on their ability to make a cigarette shaped ad and any other layout services they might provide no-cost. We also have the ability to create the layout.
 - i. Laura mentioned trying to run the ad a second time at the beginning of next quarter.
4. Smoking in front of building entrances – Laura Bergman led these discussions:
 - a. The committee will focus on the library building first. It is the most visible building to visitors.
 - b. Laura mentioned heavy smoking near the Organic Farm truck.
 - c. Robyn Herring asked Michel George about moving ash cans. Michel was concerned if the ash cans were moved, people would throw the cigarette butts on the ground.
 - d. The ash cans are bolted to the concrete, and Shops has to move them.

- e. Robyn Herring asked Cliff Hepburn to do a cost estimate for moving the ash cans and benches from their current locations to a location under the overhang near the stairwell leading down to the first floor entrance. Facilities would end up picking up the costs.
 - f. The heavy smoke that collect near the first floor entrance was discussed, but no concrete answers were found.
5. Election Progress - Robyn Herring discussed the Health and Safety Committee election process.:
- a. The union needs to elect 6 people.
 - b. The committee needs 10 non-union people.
 - i. Up to two faculty members. These may be appointed.
 - ii. Up to 2 students.
 - iii. The other 6 need to be chosen through an open election.
 - c. We discussed how it was difficult to attract students to the committee. We offered as options advertising through housing and emailing to the student activities and All Student DL's.
 - d. The order creating the new H&S committee would be:
 - i. Union elections.
 - ii. Appointments.
 - iii. Open elections for exempt positions.
6. CPJ article and drug raids in dorms:
- a. Recently, two students were arrested in separate drug raids in the dorms. An article appeared in the CPJ about the raids. The article stated guns were drawn, and the pulling of the guns was not reported properly as per college rules.
 - b. The committee members discussed the difficulty in drawing conclusions from the CPJ article. Perhaps they did not report all the facts, or were privy to only a limited amount of information regarding the raids.
 - c. Peter Pessiki wanted the record to state that he thought pulling guns endangers the health and safety of the surrounding people. The other committee members did not want to make this statement.
 - d. We discussed the roles that the Policy Committee and Review Board and the Deadly Force Review Board had in gun related incidents, and whether it was the place of the H&S Committee to address this incident. Laura Bergman discussed the checks and balances that exist on the use of guns at Evergreen.
 - e. Chuck McKinney discussed previous dangerous situations in housing and felt that the use of guns was appropriate in such incidents. Robyn Herring mentioned that there are no laws denying a person with a permit to carry a concealed gun.
 - f. We got sidetracked onto a discussion of the use of campus police for traffic control on the roads surrounding TESC.
7. The next meeting will be December 4th, 2002 in the Facilities Conference Room.