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To: Steve Arndt, Director
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From: Randy Hedge, Chair
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Cc: Tom Sonnleitner, VC for Administrative Services
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Steve, as I mentioned the other day, at the October 20, 2011 meeting of the Health and Safety Committee an advisory recommendation was endorsed and passed by the committee regarding snow removal and accessibility issues on campus relating to students, faculty and staff with disabilities issues (particularly relating to mobility issues and access to entrances/exits to buildings and parking lots).

ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Safety Committee, having received feedback over the past year that students and staff with disabilities or mobility issues have had some accessibility issues to entrances to campus facilities and parking lots, makes an advisory recommendation for Facilities Management to consider extra efforts to attend to clearing snow in these areas in winter months, and consider making available a central reporting phone number available to call and report areas that need clearing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter in coming months. The committee understands the difficulty at times to keep up with snowfall, but encourages you to look at this issue and take appropriate action as winter is just around the corner!

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

The charge of the Health and Safety Committee is to review health and safety concerns, work to resolve issues or problems informally where possible, and provide advisory recommendations to the administration.