Health and Safety Committee Meeting
UW Oshkosh
Minutes from monthly meeting – November 17, 2011

In Attendance:

Health and Safety Committee members:
Faculty (2): Dana Merriman, Anna Filipova
Academic Staff (2): no one present, one additional appointment needed from Academic Staff Council
Represented Classified Staff (3): Kim Freier, George Paul
Nonrepresented Classified Staff (2): Dawn Dettlaff
Students (2): Buckley Fechter, Stephanie Krueger
Ex Officio: Joe LeMire, Pam Mcwilliams, Mike Morrissey, Evan Schwalbe, Randy Hedge

Safety Team members and other guests/volunteers: Jennifer Koes – student volunteer, Molly Kopplin – liaison guest rep from USRH

Absent:
Academic Staff: Jon Wilson
Represented Classified Staff: Rae Ann Wetzel (excused)
Nonrepresented Classified Staff: Chuck Hermes (excused)
Ex-officio: -

1. Announcements:
    a. The group unanimously approved the minutes from the October meeting.
    b. Randy gave an update on membership. We have one vacant position – academic staff.
    c. Randy reported that the advisory recommendation on snow removal was forwarded to Facilities Management. Evan and Dawn reported that Facilities is implementing several communications strategies, including advertising the 3466 phone number as a number to call if people see areas where snow needs to be cleared. Evan will be looking into having the 3466 phone number advertised on Campus Vision during snow storms.
    d. Evan reported that the ice and snow posters have been printed and will be distributed soon by Facilities. They also advertise the 3466 phone number.
    e. Joe LeMire answered questions about Conceal and Carry implementation. Long guns are not included in the Conceal and Carry law and are not allowed on campus.

2. Old Business:
    a. Soap and hand washing issue. Mike and Pam reported that the trial use of the anti-bacterial soap dispensers in the Health Center was going well. Pam indicated we would probably not see the battery operated dispensers as cost-effective. Additional research will continue on a potential advisory recommendation for campus to use anti-bacterial soap in restrooms and the potential for hand sanitizer dispensers in all buildings in public areas and entrances to office suites and larger gathering spaces. Mike will now study the number of potential locations for hand sanitizer placement, including potential cost and options. Pam is also continuing with her efforts to develop a hand-washing PR campaign. Work is being done in Integrated Marketing, and by next meeting we may be

able to implement the campaign. Cost of the campaign is an issue. Randy will see about funding from the Risk Management budget.

b. Promotion of the Health and Safety Committee. Evan distributed the draft of the first Health and Safety Committee newsletter. The plan is to send it monthly via email to the all campus list. Dana and Evan are also going to work on finding students to write for the newsletter.

3. New Business:
   a. Night Safety. Dana brought up the issue of night safety, in response to the assault that occurred on campus early in the semester. We discussed what steps have been taken on campus – Custodial Services have been provided information about late night safety (Night Owls/Safe Walk), and University Police has been investigating the purchase of cameras to be installed in parking lots if money can be allocated (potentially a Tech Fee request). There was also some discussion about the fact that Joe, Randy, and others were visiting with the Vice Chancellors on November 30th to review potential improvements to the Titan Alert system. There is a "Utip" option which would allow students and others to report suspicious activity on campus. Discussion will continue as University Police and others make progress on the "night safety" issue.
   b. Smoking Issue. Dana presented information to the group about continued problems with the current smoking policy on campus (primarily smokers near entrances that are not signed adequately, or smokers not abiding by the 25 ft. rule). She also presented potential solutions, and some history as to why our policy exists as it is, and well as recent trends in Wisconsin law, and the fact that other public facilities (restaurants, bars, medical facilities, and even Lambeau Field going smokefree). Dana presented some research as well about the impact of smoke-free campuses on student behaviors. The committee tabled discussion until next meeting as we were out of time.
4. PLEASE NOTE: Next meeting is Thursday, December 15, 10 a.m. in the Admin Services Conference room (D236).
5. Tentative Agenda for next meeting is:
   a. Soap and hand-washing – Pam and Mike (update).
   b. Snow clearing update and the promotion of 3466 – Evan, Dawn
   c. Update on Titan Alert – Joe, Randy
   d. PR for Health and Safety - Evan

   New Business:

   a. Smoking Free campus discussion - Dana
   e. Other