Health and Safety Committee Meeting
UW Oshkosh
Minutes from monthly meeting – December 15, 2011

In Attendance:

Health and Safety Committee members:
Faculty (2): Dana Merriman, Anna Filipova
Academic Staff (2): Jon Wilson, Christopher Stratton
Represented Classified Staff (3): Rae Ann Wetzel, , George Paul
Nonrepresented Classified Staff (2): Chuck Hermes
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: Sara Pritzl – Administrative Services, Molly Kopplin – liaison guest rep from USRH

Absent:
Academic Staff:
Represented Classified Staff: Kim Freier
Nonrepresented Classified Staff: Dawn Dettlaff (excused)
Ex-officio: -

1. Announcements:
    a. The group unanimously approved the minutes from the November meeting.
    b. Randy gave an update on membership. We have all positions filled!

2. Old Business:
    a. Soap and hand washing issue. Mike and Pam reported on the additional research completed this past month. Mike studied the number of potential locations for hand sanitizer placement, including potential cost and options. His calculation is approximately $2,700 to install hand sanitizer dispensers in every campus building, and $21,000 annually to refill the dispensers. The committee debated whether this was worth the cost. Before reaching any conclusion, it was decided to trial 3-4 academic building main lobby locations to further study potential cost. Mike will report on this once there has been time to adequately test them. Pam is also continuing with her efforts to develop a hand-washing PR campaign. She reported that the posters would cost $120 for about 200 posters that would be posted in restrooms. Pam shared the designs, and the committee encouraged her to go back to the designers to develop additional design concepts.
    b. Snow clearing update and the promotion of 3466 – Evan will have Facilities post the posters when we have our first snow fall. He is also going to contact Brandon Heise in Reeve Union to have the image posted on Campus Vision. Grand Davey, the new Grounds Supervisor was at the meeting. He and the committee discussed the campus route that should be priority for clearing for accessibility for those with disabilities and mobility issues. Chief LeMire asked what the procedure was for after hours, when the

3466 number won't be answered at Facilities. Facilities plans to add a message to the 3466 number that will direct people to the University Police after hours.

c. Update on Titan Alert – We also discussed the fact that Titan Alert was being reviewed on campus, and that we would be evaluating whether an "opt out" system would be better than the "opt in" we currently have. The Vice Chancellors encouraged Randy, Joe, and several other staff to explore this over the next several months.

d. Promotion of the Health and Safety Committee. The first issue of the newsletter should go out soon over an all campus email with a link.

3. New Business:

a. Smoke free campus discussion – Dana presented information about "SPARKS," which is a grant that we could apply for to aid the campus in exploring going smoke-free. There was quite a bit of discussion about the issue and the potential controversy and the importance to proceed carefully and with respect for all. The committee eventually fielded a motion and second and unanimously passed the following:

> "The Health and Safety Committee should pursue SPARKS funding to work toward developing a recommendation for the campus to consider a tobacco free campus policy."

Dana will contact the SPARKS representative and invite him to our next meeting in January.

b. Other – Pam Macwilliams indicated that she felt the large hole in the mall by the library and the union was currently a safety concern as she saw someone fall and very nearly fell into the excavated hole. Grant indicated he would address that after the meeting.

4. PLEASE NOTE: Next meeting is Thursday, January19, 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 (update)

c. SPARKS grant and smoke free campus discussion - Dana

New Business:

d. Other