HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE – UW OSHKOSH

Minutes from November 18, 2010 Meeting

In attendance: Committee Members: Dawn Dettlaff, Jeremiah Dorn, Anna Filipova, Kim Frier, Chuck Hermes, Jim Johnson, Joe LeMire, George Paul, Jill Reichenberger, Tom Witte

Safety Team Members: Adam BellCorelli, Sue Clark, Brian Klinger, Mike Morrissey, Jeanne Pobanz, John Swanson

Guests: Michael Lizotte

1. Bicycles/scooters on campus:

- Michael Lizotte spoke extensively about all the issues around bicycles/scooters/mopeds on campus. Michael explained that the whole issue around trying to control bicycle use on campus is more complicated than one would expect. Michael is leading an effort to put together a campus plan for controlling use of these types of transportation. This is particularly important on our campus because of the congestion and large amount of pedestrian traffic. He stated that this will take some effort and time to address, although we might be able to deal with the scooter and moped issue. Joe LeMire pointed out that it is illegal to drive any motorized vehicle on campus and that enforcement may not be that difficult as long as students are well informed of the restrictions. Michael will be seeking 2 candidates from our group to begin discussions surrounding all of these issues sometime in January. Everyone seems to be agreement that this is a safety issue and ultimately needs to be dealt with.

2. Campus Smoking Ban

- Jim J reported that after speaking to Tom Sonnleitner that nothing is in the works for a campus-wide smoking ban. Other campuses have tried it with poor results due to the fact that it is completely unenforceable. At this point in time, the 25 foot rule from an entrance will be the only ban on campus. Ultimately this rule requires peer pressure for enforcement. Some attendees have pointed out that we need to move receptacles at least 25 feet away from the buildings. Many times these receptacles are moved back closer to buildings (by people unknown) or are moved for snow removal. It appears that we will not be able to restrict smoking until the State passes a law forbidding smoking on State property.

3. Next Meeting Date & Time:

- The next meeting shall be held on December 16, 2010, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, Dempsey Hall, Room 236 Conference room.