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**University Safety and Health Committee**

September 16, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Blue & White Room, Student Center

Attendees: Laurie Colburn, Laurie Dunn (had to leave at 10 a.m.), Dominic Forcella, Neil Glagovich, Rene Karas-Johnson, Sally Lesik, Carol Morano, Jason Powell

Absent: Jean Alicandro, Clifford Anderson, Richard Bachoo, Sharon Braverman (on sabbatical), Ray Primini (DAS), Joseph Starzyk, Coleen Sturken

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Karas-Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. S. Lesik moved to approve the minutes approved from the April 27, 2010, meeting, motion seconded by C. Morano. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Introduction of New Committee Member

Carol Morano was introduced as the new Clerical representative to the committee.

Review of E-mails Received

No e-mails have been received.

**Old Business**

Campus Smoking Awareness Campaign

N. Glagovich indicated that the Chemistry Club volunteered to mark the 25’ non-smoking area around key building entrances during the selected campaign week. Location suggestions for the campaign included, Maria Sanford entrance facing the Powerhouse and all Library entrances. The Chemistry Club will select the week and then an e-mail will be forwarded to the campus community regarding the campaign. Facilities Management will procure the necessary supplies.

**Informational Item**

*New* Violence Free Campus Policy

Chief Powell discussed the new Violence Free Campus Policy. This discussion included previous incidents that have occurred (Lottery Shooting, Columbine) and the work of the CCSU Threat Assessment Team. The purpose of the Threat Assessment Team is to identify problems, and take proactive steps before reactive strategies (i.e., Police involvement) are necessary. This includes developing the capacity to gather and evaluate information.

Discussion included using the Helping Students in Distress handbook and the Department of Public Safety website for additional resources. The Committee also discussed “Safe Haven” personnel that used to be on campus to direct students and how to address sexual assault cases.

**As May Arise**

N. Glagovich discussed the need for a cogent policy for the labs at Copernicus Hall and what should be done in the event of particular situations (chemical spill, etc). The Committee discussed the need for health and safety training for new and existing employees (evacuation procedures, etc.) and what to do in the case of an emergency. N. Glagovich will draft some ideas for this policy for discussion with R. Bachoo.

L. stated that the Library Safety Committee is developing a procedure for Library evacuation. Discussion occurred over whether or not the Library Safety Committee is the appropriate body to develop evacuation procedures for the Library? Issue to be discussed further at the November meeting.

Additional items that were suggested for the November meeting include: National Start! Walking Day; Library Safety Committee Evacuation Procedures for new employees and existing employee reorientation; and online chemical quiz for lab students.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Lesik and seconded by C. Morano. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Karas-Johnson

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Chairperson