

Spokane Community College
Environmental Health and Safety Committee
2011-2012

Date of Meeting: October 6, 2011
Place: Lair – 1st Floor Conference Room
Time: 2:30 – 3:30pm

Committee Members Present: Jim Roth, Dennis Johnson, Chris Ewegen, Jeff Rogers, Brett Farrar, Claudia Roberton-Toews, Kevin Bartle, Tyler Ables, Scott Jones, Javiar Malave, Tyler Beasley, Norma Cantu

Committee Members Absent: Dave Cox, Lynn Thompson, Art Capello, Cindy Friedman, Cindy Usher, Charles Robbins, Linda Poage.

Others present: Jim Mohr

Jim Roth welcomed the group and introductions were done around the table.

Scott Jones: Scott reminded us of need to do annual building inspection. Look at sheet and do inspection if one is due.

Accident/incident report. He reviewed August and September. There were a number of strain injuries and he reminded us that we should not attempt lifting, handling, objects heavier than is reasonable. Accident/Incident reports need to be completed in timely manner (as soon as possible when something occurs). Some are received months after an incident, which is not effective.

Executive Summary Report. He noted the purchase of "Bulb Eaters" on SCC & SFCC campuses to dispose of fluorescent bulbs. Big cost savings.

Tyler Ables: Provided information about yesterday's rape incident. He is hopeful that the person will be caught given the description provided. He referred to the new campus smoking policy and some enforcement challenges. Overall, compliance is better than some people expected. Limited security limits ability to observe all areas so they are focusing on a few problem spots. There have been three vehicle thefts so far and one prowling interrupted. There has been an increase in numbers of contacts with people who are under influence of drugs. Tyler was complimented for the work that security does.

Dennis Johnson: Briefly discussed service animals on campus. New ADA regulations have clarified the definition of service animals and specifies dogs. Service animals in the classroom should have been approved by the Disability Support Services as a necessary disability accommodation.

Jim Mohr: He was here to discuss the Safe Campus Advocates Program, which is a program at all three campuses to train faculty and staff to act as advocates for students in distress. Information is available at www.iel.spokane.edu/sca .

Ed Solum: Expressed real security concerns over building access changes made to Bldg 19 (Heavy Equipment). Faculty needs to park and then walk around the building to enter. This puts them at risk. There are also concerns about security to interior areas. Solution would be to add more prox key

locations, but cost is an issue. There was discussion with Tyler over path to follow to address this. Changes would need to pass through Charlie Hollen and Dave Cox.

Scott: He reminded us of the event for Bldg 28 next week, which will close down the parking around that building for a couple of days (Tuesday & Wednesday).

Scott also reminded us of the cut-backs in custodial activity and the need for all of us to be more tuned into trying to be diligent and patient in this area.

Scott reported that facilities has been doing a great job in spite of financial woes. They demolished six buildings over the Summer (Blg 4, 410, Old Journalism building, and some athletic storage sheds). Next year, West Old Main is scheduled to be demolished.

Jim thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting on November 3 will be in the Lair Upstairs Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Dennis Johnson