

**Spokane Community College
Environmental Health and Safety Committee
2011-2012**

Date of Meeting: April 5, 2012
Place: Lair – 1st Floor Conference Room
Time: 2:30 – 3:30PM

Committee Members Present: Jim Roth, Kevin Bartle, Charlie Hollen, Dennis Johnson, Tyler Ables, Gordon Grove, Zach Olson (student rep.), Scott Jones, Jeff Rogers, Linda Poage, Roger Bragdon (Consultant)

Committee Members Absent: Lynn Thompson, Stephanie Lynch, Denise Wright, Dave Cox, Art Capello, Cindy Friedman, Charles Robbins, Norma Cantu, Patricia Norman, Tyler Beasley, Ed Solum, Chris Ewegen, Krishna Toner, Claudia Roberton-Toews, Brett Farrar

Chairman Jim Roth began the meeting with a welcome and introductions. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

In reviewing the minutes, Scott noted the student smoking complaint reported at the last meeting. He attended a meeting at SFCC where campus smoking was hotly discussed as a result of a state compliance officer warning that smoking violations are occurring on campus. There is a movement among SFCC students toward making that campus entirely smoke free. Many college campuses have already taken that step.

Building Self Inspection Report: Building Inspections are occurring, however there are still some buildings that are overdue. This is something that is discussed at every meeting. Buildings are supposed to have a Safety Inspection every year. Buildings that still show last inspection in 2010 are: Old Main S. 2nd, Building 5, Building 8, Building 16, Building 18, Building 20, Building 23, Building 301, and Building 602. Scott Jones is available to help with these. Scott also reminded us to make sure First Aid Kits are in their proper place and appropriately stocked.

CCS Accident/Incident Report: This report was reviewed. It was noted that there was an employee injury at SFCC that resulted in lost time. This occurred when a heavy sliding door came off track when a worker was prying it, falling onto the employee causing significant injury. The lesson was that the door had been previously reported as a safety risk but had not been dealt with properly, which resulted in the worker trying to fix it himself.

There was no Executive Summary report.

Security Report: Tyler reported that April is National Auto Theft Prevention Month. So we expect no auto thefts to occur in April. It would be a good month for Tyler and Charlie to take their vacations. There is a video posted on the Security Department's Facebook site that he recommended we see. It addresses things we can do to minimize chances of theft. Security is still dealing with the rash of thefts in Building 5. They are working with the Bookstore to obtain new locks for the lockers that are more secure.

Jim Roth brought up a concern about placement of Level III Sex Offenders in classes with minors. This has been a concern expressed by faculty in the past and has recently been reignited when a Sex Offender in a class had some conduct issues (not sex offense issues). The conduct issues brought to light his status as a Sex Offender. Jim's concern was that Sex Offenders should not be in classes with minors, such as Running Start students. Roger Bragdon reported that he had attended a Cabinet Meeting recently and this was the main topic of discussion. There is a written policy addressing this, but the Cabinet agreed that this needs to be revisited and the Cabinet voted to form a task force to review and address the policy and practice regarding the handling of Level III Sex Offenders. Charlie did point out that a number of these Offenders are screened out from enrollment in the first place and those who are enrolled are closely monitored. He also pointed out that at least Campus Security knows about these offenders when they are enrolled, whereas other offenders who may have even more serious offenses are not known to them. It is a plus that we have a DOC representative located on our campus, as this may serve as a deterrent to some offenders. There was no resolution to this, other than knowing that the Cabinet task force will look into the problem.

Scott gave a brief Facilities update, reminding us that the working schedule is now 6am to 2:30pm with some exceptions. So we will be seeing custodial staff in the buildings now. If there are questions, contact Jeff Teal at 533-7165. Also, there has been a reconfiguration of Facilities in the District which means Facilities will now be a part of our committee rather than having a separate advisory committee. Our committee will become the Facilities, Environmental Health, and Safety Committee.

Scott reviewed a list of DVDs he has in his office that are available for check out and viewing. The list was included in the handouts. For more on this feel free to contact Scott Jones 434-5043.

Note on Elections! We did not have elections at this meeting because so many committee members were absent. We also have not had anyone step up to express a willingness to take over as Chairperson. We will need to elect a new Chairperson at our May meeting. Please consider this and come to the next meeting.

On that note, we want to thank Jim Roth for the fine job he has done for the last three years as Committee Chair. The Chairperson is supposed to be a one year stint, but Jim has graciously agreed to stay in that seat for the last three years, and we all appreciate his contribution.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 3, in the First Floor Student Activities conference room of the Lair.

Minutes prepared by Dennis Johnson