

Minutes from the Health and Safety Committee Meeting held December 4th, 2002.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Kathy Dean (November Chairperson)
Beth Albertson (November Recorder)
Chuck McKinney
Joel Stalloch
Steve Huntsberry
Peter Pessiki
Laura Bergman
Jeanine Walker
Robyn Herring
Mike Anchors

Approval of November 2002 minutes

Last month's minutes (November, 2002) were approved.

Electing a meeting secretary

Peter Pessiki will be chair and Chuck McKinney will be the note taker for the January 2003 meeting. Once the new members are on-board, we will set a new chair schedule.

Safety/accident report

It was a relatively uneventful month, and there were no lost work days. Someone slipped on the metal grate covering the lights around the sign by the bus stop. The metal has been roughed up and is now less slippery. Burned out lights were re-lamped near the lecture halls and some trees and tree limbs removed from C lot to increase visibility. Someone commented upon the darkness around the bus loop. Robyn said lighting is likely to be upgraded with the completion of Seminar II.

Smoking ads

The committee made a good start on the ads. Peter Pessiki and a few other members came up with 5 mock-ups. We decided to eliminate the one with the text "Secondhand smoke comes from two places". We will use the other four, running them in the following order:

1. "Free Cigarettes" – The large ad.
2. "Healthy Air Quality for All"
3. "Secondhand smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals"
4. "The quality of the air we breathe has a great impact on lung health"

At the bottom of each ad, we should use the text "Respect non-smokers' rights, please do not smoke near building entrances. Presented by the Health & Safety Committee. Email us: HlthSafetyDL@evergreen.edu"

We still need to check with the CPJ regarding restrictions on the ad size and their ability to help us with layout.

We discussed the possible effects of the ads, and had a great variety of opinions. Most people seemed to think it was worth a try to run the ads, however.

Lights in the Longhouse

One set of lights in each classroom will be changed to be on all the time. These will be installed Christmas break. There was no other ideal solution.

Bench/ash tray move

This is 1-2 months out. They will be moved to the walkway that leads to the Seminar building. The committee hopes this will decrease the smoke directly in front of the main entrance and near the Organic farm truck.

Dirty/slippery locker room floors

Robyn will report next month on a December 5th meeting about the problem. Robyn has been researching a non-skid surface or coating, but has had no luck. Mike suggested using the raised black mats or a more elaborate secondary floor solution.

Elections

The Bargaining Unit has elected:

1. Joel Staloch
2. Laura Berman
3. Beth Albertson
4. Jeanine Walker
5. Nicole Goodwin
6. Kathy Dean

So far, the following Exempt personnel will participate:

1. Marty Beagle
2. Mike Anchors
3. Chuck McKinney
4. Steve Huntsberry
5. Linda Pickering
6. Joseph Pollock

Two other members will be elected in an open election for Exempt employees.

The faculty has appointed:

1. Peter Pessiki
2. Neal Nelson

Ex Officio:

Robyn Herring

Robyn Herring will continue to be the “Ex Officio”. The committee has had no luck finding a student representative. Chuck McKinney did make an effort to spread the word in the housing community.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held January 8th. Peter Pessiki will chair and Chuck McKinney will take notes.