

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE: February 25, 2009

ATTENDEES: Dale Wetherell, Dan Farrell, Ken McCabe, Bill Ferland, Shelly Olausen, Edna O'Neill Mattson, Mary Pecchia, Kevin Salisbury, Pam Forleo, Rick Foote, Nancy Mendes, Samantha Crowe(Unfiltered Lens), Cindy Pennacchia,

NOTES:

Bill Ferland opened with introductions from the attendees. Bill proceeded to explain to the committee that he will be developing a policy outlining the makeup of the committee, a timetable for determining the scheduling of meetings and a set of by-laws for gathering and addressing issues. This will guide the committee in resolving specific health, safety and environmental issues that face the College.

Bill informed the committee that the Security Department will be getting a new radio system which will allow better communication across all four campuses as well as to local police and fire departments in the event of an emergency. The band on the radio system will be tied to a new computerized dispatch system based at the Knight Campus, which will provide one phone number for individuals at all campuses to contact in case of emergency and will streamline the reporting of emergencies and communicate to the appropriate Campus Police Department.

Bill also reported that there have been orange barrels set up to control the flow of traffic on the Warwick Campus. There are too many ways that people cross from the Faculty/Staff Parking Lot to the main ramp. In addition, the hope is that the barrels will slow traffic at the campus.

Ken McCabe let the committee know that the design stage has been completed for the new air handlers for the Flanagan Campus. This is the last step before the project goes out to bid. The next campus scheduled for HHAC upgrades is the Liston Campus.

Shelly Olausen informed the committee that the handicap entrance to the front door of the Newport Campus had been locked shut at certain times. Dale Wetherell explained that this is done because the wind catches the door sometimes. Physical Plant will check on the issue.

Kevin Salisbury said that the four AED's(defibrillators) at the Knight and Flanagan campuses have not been upgraded and therefore are not using the latest technologies. Dale Wetherell stated that the College has a maintenance contract to have the AEDs used by campus police serviced and updated regularly. Bill asked Kevin to check with Dick Robinson on having the AEDs from athletics being updated.

Nancy Mendes who works in the Library of the Liston campus is a strong supporter of recycling and greening of our campuses. A discussion of recycling and greening the campus ensued and some great ideas were exchanged. Mary Pecchia will get in touch with Nancy and other individuals from the four campuses to recruit them for the Green Team so that some green initiatives can be started and to help the College gear up for Earth Day. Kevin mentioned that students participating on student organizations are required to perform ten hours of community service each semester. Mary will be investigating whether these students can be recruited to help in the College's sustainability initiatives.

Pam Forleo asked about the use of Styrofoam in the campus food services area. Bill explained that the vendor's contract does not prohibit the use of Styrofoam, so they use the less expensive option. Bill will speak with representatives from food services to discuss other options.

Pam asked about the posting of the minutes from these meetings to the EH&S website. Rick Foote informed Pam that minutes from previous meetings are on the site and date back at least a couple of years (after further review it was found that links to the minutes go back to 1995). Additionally, Rick has been working to update and learn how to navigate the site himself since Manny Terezakis was the original manager of the site. Kevin offered his expertise from developing the Athletics' website to Rick. In addition, Kevin has added a link to the EH&S website on the Athletics' home page.

As of this writing, the site (<http://www.ccri.edu/Safety>) has been updated. Please take a minute to look over the site and spread the word about the useful information that is available.

Before adjourning the meeting, Bill asked the committee members to email issues to Mary for future agendas.