

## **Minutes of the Health Safety and Welfare Committee Meeting**

**Date-**October 8th, 2013

**In attendance-** Dr. Florence Keane (CNHS, chair and recording)

Ms. Amy B. Aiken (Director of the Department of Emergency Management)

Mr. Wili Alvarez (Assistant Director-University Safety Officer

Environmental Health & Safety)

Dr. Marianna Baum (Faculty Senate)

Dr. Malek Adjouadi (Faculty Senate)

Jorge Rosello (DNPc student)

Chief Alexander Casas (absent)

### **Membership**

This was a special meeting since we did not have a quorum at the first meeting. The meeting was planned so that Senators Baum and Adjouadi could meet the ex officio members. The meeting was held at the command center in PG5. Ms. Aiken gave us a tour and explained the decision making process when there is an impending emergency such as a hurricane.

1. The two ex-officio members who were present explained their roles and informed us of some safety measures that were in place. Again we discovered that we are indeed working in a very safe environment.

There are numerous safety checks that are in place the problem is that we (faculty and staff) are unaware of these safety measures. *Ms. Aiken* is director of Department of Emergency Management. More information can be found at their website: Department of

Emergency Management. See [dem.fiu.edu](http://dem.fiu.edu). She is one leg of the three legs in the Health Safety and Welfare plan. The second leg is EHS.

*Mr. Riddlemoser*, who is director of EHS, works closely with faculties who have labs in getting them prepared to operate safe labs. There are two branches under EHS. *Mr. William Youngblut* is Assistant Director for the lab portion and *Mr. Wili Alvarez* is Assistant Director and Safety Officer. For more information see [ehs.fiu.edu](http://ehs.fiu.edu).

The third leg is the Police department and there was no representation for the police. Chief Casas presented to the faculty senate in the spring.

- 1) The ex-officio members all expressed a willingness to attend faculty and staff meetings, as well as senate meetings. They verbalized that students and staff often ask them to give presentations on safety concerns but not so much with faculty.

The safety directors are anxious and willing to inform faculty of safety measures in place and their role in keeping the environment safe.

- 2) It was also recommended that they (the safety directors) be given some time at future faculty senate meetings to make a small presentation and allow faculty the opportunity to ask questions and express their concerns about safety at FIU.
- 3) Dr. C. Delano Gray will invite the safety directors or their representatives to be guests at a faculty senate assembly in the near future. The next faculty senate meeting Ms. Aiken is not available. (discussed at the last meeting).

- 4) There was no voting.

The next committee meeting will be at the start of the spring semester.

Respectfully,

Dr. Florence Keane (Nicole Wertheim CNHS, senator)

