

Minutes of the Health Safety and Welfare Committee Meeting

Date-October 5th2012

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

Dr. Marianne Baum (Public Health)

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

Mr. Roger Riddlemoser (Director of the Department of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S))

Sergeant Allen Lowe (Public Safety, representing Chief Casas)

Membership- The membership is missing 1 other faculty members; it was recommended that this faculty member should be from BBC as the present committee members are all from the MMC.

As this was our first meeting we set about the task of:

- 1) Identifying health, safety, wellness and welfare concerns that affect the faculty and impact the academic environment.

The ex-officio members explained their roles and informed us of some safety measures that were in place. 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* informed us how the decision is made to close the university and the recent FIU Emergency Alert that was put in place.

More information can be found at their website: Department of Emergency Management.
dem.fiu.edu

Mr. Riddlemoser works closely with faculty, who have labs, in getting them prepared to operate safe labs. Just like the IRB, there is a research safe lab course online course. For more information see http://www2.fiu.edu/~ehs/safety_training/lab.html

Sergeant Lowe apprised us of safety measures that were in place to make the university a safe environment to work in. There were concerns about the increased amount of thefts on campus and fire & emergency evacuation measures. Information can be found at the website of the [University Police Department](#), when I checked the website the information was not current. Data is posted up to year 2009.

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

It was recommended the safety directors should be allowed some time to make a safety presentation at the new faculty orientation. At the present time they have a table but more could be done to inform faculty of safety measures in place and their role in keeping the environment safe.

3) 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.

4) Parking is under the purview of Mr. Bill Foster so parking issues should be addressed with Mr. Foster.

There was no voting, it was agreed that we should meet quarterly. The next meeting will be at the start of the spring semester.

Respectfully,

Dr. Florence Keane

