Memo to: Safety Committee

From: Suna Stone-McMasters, Co-Chair

Subject: Safety Committee Meeting Monday, October 14, 2013
Student Center Room 333, 3:00-4:00 PM

Present: Cindy Atkins, Mary Charleston, Pat Gagnon, Jill Pflugheber, Bill Ritchie, Marsha Sawyer, Suna Stone-McMasters, Ethan Townsend

Excused: Nancy Alessi, Larry French, Elizabeth Edwards, Jim Kozsan, Steve Richards, Dan Seaman, David Richer, Pat Ellis, Stacie Olney LaPierre, Marcus Sherburne

Open comments, introductions and guests:
none

Old Business:

1. Park Street Lighting – Aileen O’Donoghue will attend an October outdoor lighting institute at RPI. Facilities Operations has installed opaque shields on the light fixtures along both sides of Park Street. The lights along Park Street are now set up with a solid opaque shield on first lamp facing on-coming traffic. The second shield facing traffic is a perforated opaque shield. For comparison purposes the shields were removed from the fixtures between 78 & 76 Park (west side of the street). When comparing these to the regular fixtures, you can notice a reduction in the glare when driving or walking along Park Street.

2. Use of service/assistant animals and 2010 changes to the Americans with Disabilities Act and potential impacts at SLU – a policy is in development.

3. The SLU Safety Fair September 20th. Events will be held all day across campus. Highlights include two room burn demonstrations, a safety expo, fire extinguisher training and a golf cart beer goggle obstacle course.

4. Gravel and sand has been washing onto the shoulder of County Route 27 between the athletic fields and the intermural soccer field, creating a potential skid hazard for bicyclists. A new culvert with improved grading and drainage is complete and should result in significant improvement.

New Business:

1. Chapel fire update - Pat reported that Safety and Security will end the 24-hour patrol of the chapel as of 3pm this afternoon. Fire and rescue squads from Canton, Potsdam and Gouverneur responded to the emergency. In reviewing the response, the St. Lawrence
County 911 dispatch center suggested that SLU provide GPS coordinates for each building on campus, as there are no 911 addresses on the campus. An alternative suggestion is naming all internal roads and assigning 911 addresses. Carol Cady reported that she has the capabilities to assign GPS coordinates. She will need to know whether to use the center of the building, or a particular building entrance to map, so we will need to consult with the County Emergency Management office in order to best meet the needs of emergency responders.

2. Suna has been reviewing an online Environmental Health and safety service provided by JJ Keller and will share the username and password for committee members to try it out. There are a lot of training and referenced materials, which could be used by FacOps, science and art programs.

3. Jill commented that the lab safety videos she has been using are outdated. Suna suggested working with students to produce SLU-specific safety videos for different teaching labs, where staff writes the content and students produce and act in the videos. This could be developed as an Innovation Grant or student research project.

Tabled:

- Park Street pedestrian Safety - addition of a new crosswalk on Park St. at KDS tabled pending capital request decision.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held November 11 in the Student Center, Room 336. Future meetings will be in Student Center 336 on December 9, January 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14 and May 12.

If you have any safety issues you would like added to the agenda, please forward to Suna Stone-McMasters 315-229-5105.