Memo to: Safety Committee

From: Suna Stone-McMasters and Pat Gagnon, Co-Chairs

Subject: Safety Committee Meeting Summary, Monday, February 10, 2014
Student Center Room 336, 3:00-4:00 PM


Open comments, introductions and guests.

Introduced Kasarian Dane, Department of Fine Arts

Old Business:

1. Park Street Lighting - Bob Perry, representative from the lighting company Holophane, made a site visit 1/22/14 with Rick Scott to observe Park Street lighting during darkness. Relocating some of the poles and adding 2-3 poles between each crosswalk were some recommendations made based on the observations. The committee discussed hiring a third party lighting consultant with experience designing street lighting to evaluate current conditions and make recommendations to improve safety of pedestrians and drivers.

2. Suna and Pat will meet to select building entrances so Carol Cady can arrange to provide GPS coordinates to the St. Lawrence County Emergency Management Office.

3. Purchasing or creating better lab safety videos - progress report.

4. OFPC Fire Code Inspections – Bill Ritchie reported that re-inspections will begin Tuesday February 11th.

5. Use of service/assistant animals and 2010 changes to the Americans with Disabilities Act and potential impacts at SLU – Pat reported that a draft policy has been written and is under review by John Gall.

6. The request to allowing campus-sanctioned camping at the Sandbanks included in January’s agenda was simultaneously brought to the attention of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Larry French reported that Buildings & Grounds Committee has requested a more formal proposal from Baylor Johnson. The Safety Committee would like to defer initial discussion to that committee, but requests an opportunity to review and provide input pertaining to personal safety and university liability.
New Business:

1. A member of the campus community expressed concern for the safety of student runners who are running in the Village streets rather than on the sidewalks. Pat and Suna will draft a news article providing information on New York traffic law and safety guidelines to share with the campus community.

2. Marsha Sawyer provided information on TIPS training, which is available to individuals who serve and sell alcohol. The event, “Alcohol Server and Seller Training; Become a TIPS Trainer,” will be held March 24-25, 2014 at the Seaway Valley Prevention Council in Ogdensburg. For more information contact Linsey Finch at finchl@gettips.com or (800) 438-8477 x396. Training is already provided to Dining and Conference Services staff and to students hosting functions where alcohol may be served, but this opportunity may be of interest to others.

3. Marcus Sherburne contacted the St. Lawrence County Highway Department to request the removal of snow on the walkways on the bridge crossing the Little River on Route 27. Students attending an event at the Wachmeister Field Station last Friday had to walk on the highway because the walkway was not clear.

4. Jim and Suna will meet with Nate Torres and Meg Flaherty to review lighting of the Winston Room catwalk. This is in response to a concern about safe use of the catwalk.

Tabled:

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

Future Meetings

Meetings Spring ’14 will be held in the student center Feb. 10, March 10, April 14 and May 12. Meetings will be in SC 336.

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