

Personal Safety Committee

March 8, 2005

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: John Grela, Tracey Eastman, Elizabeth Lidano, John Davis, Nancy Babb, Marilyn Kramer, Melissa Burgio, Toby Shapiro, Frederick Wood, Laurie Krupski, Michelle Kleinfelder

- I. **Lighting Concerns** – The anagram for reduced lighting in the Medical School hallways will be implemented. There were some concerns, but the positives outweigh the negatives and if there are any problems, the lights will go back to the way they were. John Grela is planning a meeting to implement the installing of high intensity lighted pathways on South Campus and installing cameras along these pathways. The paths would be from Townsend lot to Hayes Rd., to the bus stop and then up to the Residence Halls. Also through the intercampus Squire Hall and the Abbott Library. There were some concerns about the lighting in the Fargo extension lot from the Campus Dining and Shop's employees and John Grela is looking into enhancing the lighting and looking into spot lighting.
- II. **Safety Survey** – Concerning the survey with the Residence Halls, Joe Krakowiak is adding more safety and security questions. Tom Tiberi presented his portion of the safety and security questions and it was highly rated, people felt safe around the Apartments and Residence Halls.
- III. **Blue Light Phones/Campus Pay Phones** – John Davis handed out an inventory of the Blue Light phones and suggested to change out the older phones with a newer style. John Grela wants to identify the problems with the old phones, estimate the cost, and then he will look at budgeting. Some of the phone stands are starting to rust because of the heavy salting on the sidewalks. As soon as the weather breaks replacement and maintenance will continue. The electric shop was replacing the strobe lights on the Blue Light phones with a smaller unit on the side with florescent bulbs which made the light less visible, but John Davis had started to change back to higher power strobes and will continue changing as soon as the weather permits. The phone south of Jacobs is in consideration of replacement during the summer.
- IV. **Violence Prevention Team** – There will be an Audio Meeting on Friday, March 18th concerning Dating Violence. The new Director Sherri Darrow is leading the conference. ADRAG is trying to gain support of UB101 instructors to implement two types of curriculum. The first type did not affect the men as much as the women. The team would like to make a pre and posttest for the course. Also, ADRAG is going to have its curriculum as part of the UB101 instructor training. They are also continuing with the spring online survey to assess the amount of alcohol and drug use by college students. There is a new late night program, usually on weekend nights, to help college students stay away from alcohol. It was highly attended last Thursday.
- V. **Anti-Rape Task Force** - No new updates.
- VI. **Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee** – The required fire drills have been going on, the first round is completed and there are two more rounds to go to meet the three per year requirement. The Office of Fire Prevention Control checked the status of current violations and UB is doing well with inspections. The six-month testing of the fire notification procedure is in effect now. The University Police used to respond to any type of fire alarm, but would not call Amherst or Getzville. Now with any type of fire alarm, University Police will respond and just notify Amherst, and unless it is a real emergency, in which Amherst will respond with fire equipment.
- VII. **University Heights** – The Problems Property Task Force is sending letters to frequent violators in the University Heights. Sister Jeremy is dealing with the third floor occupancy issue. She is looking into advertising in the Spectrum about the legalities of third floor occupancy. Dawn Whited is also playing a role in the University Heights third floor violations with Sister Jeremy. Fire and Housing Inspectors are checking out those houses. The Assistant District Attorney, Tom Kubinak, is helping with the issues of house parties, drinking, and hazards.
- VIII. **Safety Fair** – No new updates.
- IX. **Other Business** – Melissa Burgio pointed out that there is a big issue with shopping carts blocking the sidewalk to Goodyear Hall on South Campus.