

Personal Safety Committee

May 9th, 2005

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: John Grela, Robert Innes, Nancy Babb, Amy Hothow, Dennis McLaughlin, Toby Shapiro, Sherri Darrow, Dave Foti, Elizabeth Lidano, Fred Wood, Mary Clare Fahey, Marilyn Kramer, Robyn Wiktorski, Michelle Kleinfelder

- I. **Lighting Concerns** – There were lighting complaints near the stadium, they are all repaired.
 - **South Campus Lighting** – Video cameras for South Campus are being looked into, also the high intensity lighting path for pedestrian safety are in the works. John Grela also suggested that the older video camera systems need to be updated.
- II. **Safety Survey** – The survey is going to be distributed again this fall semester. The last survey had a great positive outcome with large participation.
- III. **Blue Light Phones/Campus Pay Phones** – Everything is status quo, a few lights are out but they are being corrected.
- IV. **Violence Prevention Team** – Sherri Darrow brought up a new “harm reduction” program idea to the committee. This program will have all the students at the University complete an online alcohol release. The goal is to give out information and statistics on alcohol to new students coming into the University, to implement prevention upfront. It takes about two to three hours to complete and might be implemented in UB101 classes, it will eventually be required. In the spring of next year the Wellness Team will be randomly selecting students’ names to take the National College Health Assessment; this will be done before spring break. Sharon Mitchell is submitting a suicide prevention grant. It will include training for prevention and programming. ECMC is already collaborating with UB to share information they have on suicide prevention.
- V. **Anti-Rape Task Force** – Everything is quiet since school has ended. The “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” was very successful and ARTF will collaborate with crisis services to see if the walk will be back next year. A new professional will be hired to oversee ARTF and maintain a steady schedule.
- VI. **Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee** – No New Updates.
- VII. **University Heights** – There has been a reduction in off-campus parties but there are still areas with quality of life problems like garbage and speeding. The Problems Properties Task Force has a new representative, the owner from the Steer on Main St. who brought up a concern about limo’s parked along Main St. with groups of student’s who then go downtown. Block Clubs are doing clean ups around the area and students are also participating. Building inspector, Dale Hayden, is on top of any concerns brought up at the Problems Properties Task Force meetings.
- VIII. **Safety Fair** – Mary Clare Fahey said that the fair is scheduled for Wednesday September 27th from 11-1pm. It will take place during UB’s September Welcome program and the dorm burning will be held at noon.
- IX. **Other Business** – No new updates.