

Personal Safety Committee

September 12th, 2006

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Gerald Schoenle, John Grela, Toby Shapiro, Elizabeth Lidano, Fred Wood, Bob Innes, Dave Foti, Ken Hood, Mary Clare Fahey, Sherri Darrow, Robyn Wiktorski, Lynda Burey, Michelle Kleinfelder

- I. **Lighting Concerns** – The South Campus lighting corridor project should begin soon. There was a lighting tour over the summer and the campuses seem to be very well lit. Video cameras are to be set up around South Campus. There are already many cameras around campus but the problem is that there is not a structured schedule of maintenance and monitoring. Gerald Schoenle took a lighting tour with the police officers on midnights and they noted the lights that needed replacement. Gerald Schoenle suggested that it would be helpful if the police officers could get a list of which lights have a work order or not so they could notify the appropriate party to fix it.
- II. **Safety Survey** – The survey will be distributed during the third week of October. Last years survey was passed out for the members to make any changes. The success of the survey goes up every year. Fred Wood had a question about if the survey is the perception of the students and how it could test reality. Liz Lidano suggested a quiz to test the students' perception and give them the real answers to the questions once they finished.
- III. **Blue Light Phones/Campus Pay Phones** – A big issue for the payphones is that they are not being used too much anymore and the phone company is pulling them out around the campuses. Another option instead of payphones is to use regular house phones that would call campus only numbers. Residence hall land line usage has gone down drastically over the past years and changes might be made soon. It was suggested to put blue lights on phones right inside residence hall doors to make them more visible.
- IV. **Violence Prevention Team** – Sherri Darrow and the Violence prevention team are updating their materials and she passed out their "Emergency Assistance" card for the committee to look over. Her department also produced magnets with information about alcohol poisoning/overdose to raise awareness. The new student program called AlcoholEDU is a success, 98% of freshman logged in and most of them have completed it. The deadline to complete the program was extended and statistics about the course should be available the beginning of January. A new team was set up called the Eating Disorder Treatment Team to work with students who have eating disorders. This week is suicide prevention week and the Wellness Team is working on getting important information out about suicide.
- V. **Anti-Rape Task Force** – There is not as many students with work study coming to work with the ARTF this year and its affecting the people power of the walk stations and the van. Take Back the Night will be on October 19th in Harriman Hall. Walk with Me will be on October 26th. Operation Door Hanger will be on September 28th, volunteers will hand out information to the students living in the University Heights area.
- VI. **Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee** –In August there was a 5 hour course for new RA's to teach them fire safety 101. Over 200 students participated and it worked very well. The Office of Fire Prevention Control will start its '06-'07 inspections of the University on September 25th. Their focus will be primarily on labs and chemicals, but they will still be looking for other fire hazards. Fourteen buildings are going through emergency planning in case of a fire.
- VII. **University Heights** – The residences' are more concerned this year about the quality of life issues. They want to see the UBPD patrol areas off campus, but there are not enough resources for them to do that. There have been a lot of parties in the area in the past few weeks. Seven people from one house whet to the hospital. The parties consist of mostly first year students. Mary Clare Fahey wants to know if she could see a student's status (if they have been sent to the SWJ). Sherri Darrow suggested a group in her department

called UBSafter that educates students on alcohol awareness.

VIII. **Safety Fair** – The Fair will be on September 27th from 11am-1pm in the Student Union. A drunk driving simulator will be at the fair. The fair this year will be more interactive, bigger, and more departments will be participating. There will be the dorm fire simulation and University Police will bring the “drunk goggles” for the students to use.

IX. **Other Business** –

- Gerald Schoenle wanted the committee to help him put together an ‘alert policy’ to notify the students on things going on with the Police Department and around UB.
- Ken Hood from the University Libraries is working to get emergency procedures together in the Abbott and Capen libraries. There is also a committee that focuses on the safety and security in the libraries and he thinks that could be a good way to get the message out to students on what is going on around UB.
- The fence being taking down around the Old Stadium is almost complete.