Environmental, Health & Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
O'Connor-Buckley conference 363

Present: Roy Coons, Rick Reyes, Kirk Cammarata, Stephen Baxter, William Villanueva, Jill Underbrink, Alan Gutierrez, Joe Miller, Lindsey Keller, Cindy Roper, Carla Berkich, Karen Murray, Norma Lozano, Valrie Chambers, Judy Harral, Amanda Drum, Mark Bohing

Guests: Thuy Fleming, Mark Watson, Lori Alvarez

I. Call to order:
Roy Coons called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

II. Old Business:
1. Speed limits behind the NRC building continues to be an issue, Coons proposed posting speed limit signs to make drivers aware of their speed. Gutierrez states that speed limits around campus are 20mph, while limits for parking lots are 10mph.

2. West Side Outdoor siren continues to be a work in process according to Gutierrez.

III. New Business:
1. The committee members introduced themselves. Coons announces that Amanda Drum will no longer serve on the EH&S committee.

2. The first item proposed was a sidewalk extension to the NRC crosswalk. Coons expressed concerns from employees that the sidewalk needed to be extended because there was no crosswalk where it ended. Harral proposed that Facilities Services (Villanueva) get an estimate for the cost of the sidewalk extension. Other concerns were addressed about the poor lighting on some parking lots and lack of crosswalks leading to certain buildings. Gutierrez emphasized that crosswalks are poorly used by students, stating “they will cross at any point on the street endangering their safety” and by Texas law motorists do not need to give them the right of way unless they are on a crosswalk. He also said that his Officers issued fliers last semester to jaywalkers to educate them on the importance of crosswalks.

Another issued discussed was a crosswalk at the intersection of Island Blvd and Oso Lane. Employees voiced their concerns about crossing
that intersection since parking for the Procurement Building has been eliminated. They will now park in the NRC or the Seahorse parking lot which makes crossing this intersection a safety hazard. Drum proposes that the entire intersection should be considered for review. Gutierrez said that reassessment of dock side parking are being reviewed to make is more user friendly, and plans to remove part of the fence and making that area more aesthetically pleasing were discussed. Coons proposed moving these issues to the Parking and Traffic Committee. The EH&S Committee will submit a Facilities Modification Request to the Space Planning Committee.

3. Quick Reference Guide to TAMUCC Emergencies - This topic raised many concerns about how the campus community will react under certain emergencies. Active Shooter and Bomb Threats were discussed. Some questions asked were: Is the campus prepared to evacuate on short notice? What's the quickest way to get the campus community safely off campus? Can traffic be diverted toward CCAD, or evacuated to open areas around campus that are not occupied by buildings? Gutierrez encourages employees to be proactive when it comes to their surroundings. Be aware and report any unusual situations. He suggested that more training/awareness could be done during Development Day and that each department should implement an evacuation plan for such emergencies. He also suggested a "Safety Stand Down" where the campus would mock emergencies that would warrant a campus evacuation within 90 minutes or less.

4. New Utility Cart Training Program - Coons announced that new training is being conducted and parking changes are being made. Green and Red reflectors will be replacing red and green painted curbs.

IV. Announcements/Adjournments
1. “National Night Out” will be held on October 2nd at Miramar.
2. Health Center Flu Clinic- More information will be send via email to faculty/staff/students.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05p.m., and the motion was seconded by Drum.

Next meeting will take place in November.