

Personal Safety Committee

May 15th, 2008

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Gerald Schoenle, Sherri Darrow, Ken Hood, Toby Shapiro, Bob Innes, Mary Clare Fahey, Michelle Kleinfelder

- I. **Lighting Concerns** – The South Campus lighting project will begin soon. Lights and light poles are being dug up and replaced. All signal controls are being replaced; they should be done by the end of the summer.
- II. **Blue Light Phones**– The new blue light phones will have canned messages and access to get into them to make a PA announcement. Intelligent cameras will zoom in on the phone and caller when it is picked up.
- III. **Violence Prevention Team** – The Amnesty Policy is in the works by the Community Standards Committee, they would like to advertise it soon. Training for the Coalition against Sexual Assaults will focus on men's roles. Alcohol Edu is a great tool for incoming freshman, the program keeps improving and updates students during spring break and after exams. The interface will be redone making it more interactive. A letter will be sent out before students come into school that if they do not take the test they will get a mark on their permanent record here at UB. Some statistics show that in a 2 week period 50% of students didn't drink, 48% of students had 1 drink, 31% had 5 or more and 8% had 10 or more.
- IV. **Anti-Rape Task Force** – Service has ended for the semester. The libraries are looking into having a permanent table for the walk station.
- V. **Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee** – False fire alarms are a big problem, about 98% of them are false. The libraries and other campus buildings need evacuation plans and committees to get information to staff about evacuating during an alarm. It was suggested that throughout the year information be published maybe in the Spectrum about evacuating during fire alarms.
- VI. **University Heights** – There was a fire in a student's house a few days ago. A new neighborhood watch began, so far there have been positive results. President Simpson is having a breakfast at Gloria Parks Community Center this Saturday May, 17th.
- VII. **Safety Fair** – There will be a meeting about the fair in mid-June. The fair will be on September 10th.
- VIII. **Other Business** –
 - Orientation is starting tomorrow for the transfer students, about 175 students are expected. Freshman orientation will start in July.
 - UPD is starting a Citizens Police Academy which will run about 6 weeks either on a Tuesday or Wednesday night for 2.5hrs.

Our next meeting should be Tuesday, August 12th at 9:00am in 250 Student Union.