

Health & Safety Committee

Year- end Report, 2011-2012

May 1, 2012

The Health & Safety Committee met 7 times this year, on the third Thursday of every month except for April when it met on the fourth.

Members included Gerrie Delaney, Joy Locher (who replaced Erin Haye on Feb 16, 2012), Dana Petersen, Nancy Phythyon, Annette Tanguay, student Diane Dense and Chair Maria Niswonger.

Student Arlene Roy designed a logo for the Health & Safety Committee to use in or on publications, such as the Safety Tips in the Voice.

The committee discussed issues such as the implementation of the smoking hut, the smoking policy, the lactation room, and the YCCC emergency policy on a regular basis. The goal was to monitor and give feedback to those on the committee who were involved in the policy or facility.

Various issues brought to the committee by concerned people in the YCCC community were discussed. Subsequent recommendations were made to the appropriate party. The topics included chemical and hazardous waste, ADA issues in halls, stairwells and bathrooms, VISA accommodations in the event of emergencies, elevator issues, window covering issues, mold abatement updates, etc.

Student Diane Dense and adjunct Nancy Phythyon wrote a Wellness Room proposal for the YCCC community for people who need a private space for insulin injections, lactation, and other medical issues. The issue was approved by the committee on November 17, 2011. It went to College Council on December 6, 2011 and was approved. The administration of the college researched the feasibility of the proposal and decided by February 16, 2012 that it was not feasible at this time to create such a facility. The Lactation Room, approved by this committee and College Council during the 2010-2011 academic year is scheduled to be implemented during the summer of 2012.

Annette Tanguay, with advice from the committee, published a safety tip in the October 2011 issue concerning the new Smoking Policy.

The Health & Safety Committee bylaws in Article V, section 2 on "Minutes and Duties of the Recorder" was amended to be consistent with the College Council bylaws. This changed the recorder from the Chair to a volunteer. The bylaws were approved by College Council on April 3, 2012.