

**York County Community College
Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2012**

In attendance: Maria Niswonger, Annette Tanguay, Nancy Phythyon, Gerrie Delaney, Dana Petersen, Diane Dense, Joy Locher

Absent: none

Recorder: Maria Niswonger

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Maria Niswonger, Chair.

The minutes from the 1/19/12 meeting were reviewed. Dana motioned to accept. Diane seconded. All approved.

Today's agenda was reviewed. Annette motioned to accept. Nancy seconded. All approved.

Old Business:

1. A new staff representative was identified. Joy Locher was welcomed to the committee.
2. Health & Safety bylaw revision update from College Council: Maria presented the proposed Health & Safety Committee bylaw changes to College Council on February 7. Maria reported that the bylaw changes were put on hold until College Council decides how to select and appoint recorders for standing committees. College Council bylaws may be amended, so Health & Safety bylaws can now be amended.

New Business:

1. Biological waste: Maria noted that biological waste has accumulated in a fume hood since last summer. The hood is unusable and needs to be cleared. Dana stated that he has waste disposal scheduled for the following week.
2. Chemistry lab chemical storage, collection and disposal: Maria reports that the lab assistants and adjunct instructor of Chemistry wonder if they are storing chemicals and chemical waste properly. They have not received training from anyone current in the field and wonder if they are doing things properly. Maria has not had official Chemical waste training and wonders if someone at the college should get trained or if a consultant should be hired to train college employees. Dana agreed to explore options with Nancy Drouin, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and John Waterbury of the Maine Municipal Association. Maria agreed to ask Dean Paula Gagnon and possibly President Charlie Lyons about who should be training the employees.
3. Mold update: Dana reported that the mold issue in the first-floor bathrooms near the elevator has been completely resolved. The bathrooms are open for business.

Announcement: The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 1 pm in B109.

Adjournment: Diane motioned to end the meeting at 2:15pm. Gerrie seconded. All approved.