

**York County Community College
Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 16, 2010**

In attendance: Maria Niswonger, Gerrie Delaney, Ellen Harford, Don Ayers, Nancy Phythyon, Annette Tanguay , Bryan Carpenter

Absent: Deb Dumond

Recorder: Maria Niswonger

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Maria Niswonger, Chair.

The minutes from the 4/15/10 meeting were reviewed. Gerrie motioned to accept as written. Don seconded. All approved.

Today's agenda was approved.

Old Business:

1. A conference call took place with Phil Newcome, Safety Manager, and Karen Builder, Dean of Students, from KVCC about their tobacco-free policy. They discussed the pros and cons of their policy for about 45 minutes. They emphasized that the policy should have no gray areas, as people will try to push the limits. They also emphasized that routine, fair enforcement is key to having a successful tobacco-free environment. Education about the policy and stop-smoking seminars are helpful. They said that 99% of their students are compliant. The policy was discussed at length. Don motioned to make the campus tobacco free, with education starting in the spring and full implementation in the fall of 2011. Gerrie seconded. All approved. Maria will present the vote to College Council on Oct 5, 2010.

New Business:

1. Don discussed fire drills. He is planning 2 per semester, at the beginning or end of class, and not in extreme weather.
2. The YCCC \$500 Workplace Wellness Award was discussed briefly. It was thought that the money could be used for stop-smoking efforts, or bringing in speakers for health topics.
3. Bryan mentioned that some students would like more healthy options in the cafeteria. Don said that he works with the food service people. Students should speak to Don directly about their suggestions and concerns.

Announcements:

1. Annette's article on Slips, Trips and Falls was published recently in the Voice. All thanked her.
2. Don announced that the college is using all green paper products and chemicals.
3. The Student Senate paid for a fire pit, located across the parking lot near the pond. It will be 3 feet high and 6-7 feet in diameter, with a cover and lock. It will be used for supervised college functions.

Adjournment: Don motioned to end the meeting at 2:15pm. Annette seconded. All approved.