Work Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2014

Committee Members Present: Vahan Ghazarian (Chair), Richard Moyer, Deputy Velasco, Deputy Barragan, Carey Delzell, Christopher Holbert, Robert Burns, L. Deutsch, Kevin Booth, Andrea Owens, R. Dieter, Helen Sarantopoulos, Chin-Ru Chan, Gisela Herrerra, Edward Alvarado, Sonia Lopez, Romel Lopez, Brian Sierra

Guests: Amanda Ryan-Romo, Kristin Reutimann, Eldin Onsgard

I. Approval of Agenda - V. Ghazarian would like to skip the Facilities report since A. Mah is not available. C. Delzell said he can answer any questions on the bike racks. Motion moved by G. Herrerra, seconded by S. Lopez, all in favor to approve the agenda with changes.

II. Approval of Dec. 3rd and Feb. 18th 2014 meeting minutes - Motion made to approve the minutes of December 3rd. Motion moved by S. Lopez, seconded by B. Sierra, all in favor to approve the minutes of December 3rd meeting. Motion made to approve minutes of February 18th. Motion moved by G. Herrerra, seconded by H. Sarantopoulos, all in favor to approve the minutes of February 18th.

III. Reports -

A. Chair’s Update - V. Ghazarian met with the President on Thursday. The food court was the main issue. Only two of the vendors that came in put in a proposal. The President asked V. Ghazarian to talk to the committee. He also suggested that the position be open. So far, there are a lot of options. V. Ghazarian will look into different options and discuss with the committee. The new building should be open by Spring 2015 so there isn’t much time. C. Delzell asked if there was only one kitchen, V. Ghazarian said yes. In the past, V. Ghazarian asked M. Carvajal if it could be changed to five, but there were issues with DSA, so it was decided not to make the changes. ASU had a meeting with ICC and discussed what options were available. ASU will check to see if someone can bring in veggie options. The students want to have options when it comes to food availability. V. Ghazarian met with S. Chi in regards to the vending machines. She will talk to the company as far as having more healthy options. The contract is coming up for renewal. There are 16 vending machines on campus and one company that services the machines. The campus receives $4,000 (flat fee) from the vending machine company which goes towards scholarships. K. Booth wanted to get people’s thoughts on the company. She said they have been very generous in donating for opening day. Maybe the IFP’s can be resubmitted, but the campus should not be limited to just one company, there are others out there. V. Ghazarian said there was a problem with their last check. He is not sure if it is a negotiation tactic or if they are indeed struggling. V. Ghazarian asked that if anyone sees any good, open areas to let him know. K. Booth is concerned about some benches being moved around and that we may not get new ones. R. Dieter also mentioned that students are sitting in stairwells and hallways in the F7 building. S. Lopez said Student Services will be moving into the new Student Success and Retention Center. The cafeteria is inside and on the second floor there will be a sitting area for students. More tables and benches will be ordered for the outside. Once the buildings are complete, more open space will become available.

B. Sheriff’s Update - Deputy Velasco reported no major incidents on campus. Last week there was a small incident off-campus. Part of the campus was cleared as a precaution. The Sheriff’s department was unaware of the situation, but once they found out they took necessary action to make the campus safe. L. Deutsch said her students were preoccupied because there was no information given. H. Sarantopoulos asked why there was no emergency text message sent out. Deputy Velasco said the situation was secure, so there was no need to send out an emergency text message. Deputy Barragan met with T. Furukawa and expressed his concern of limited monitoring.
Cameras that are in high traffic areas will be moved so that the Sheriff’s department can monitor them. There are 168 cameras on campus. At Southwest, a man was in the parking lot by his car. He walked around then went back. A cadet saw this on a camera. The man went to the trunk, took out what looked like a gallon of gasoline. The Sheriffs were able to stop this. V. Ghazarian asked if cadets can patrol the parking structure at noon. There is a lot of traffic and people do crazy things. Deputy Barragan said it is best to have Security Officers in the parking structure in order to keep cadets safe. He is asking for cameras to be installed in the stairwells of the parking structure. Lighting is poor, but it is being replaced. L. Deutsch said there is no lighting between A and C bungalows. K. Booth said there is inconsistent lighting between the B and C bungalows. This is a contract violation, need to push for more/better lighting. Deputy Barragan said they are working on one thing at a time. He also mentioned the P4 area. He patrols there due to the area being dark and being heavily trafficked. He has spoken to A. Mah about the lighting issue in this area.

C. Facilities Report -
I. Bike racks - C. Delzell ordered eight (8) bike racks this morning; they are portable. Deputy Velasco said it would be good to place the bike racks in a centralized area. Maybe cameras can be requested for these areas, it will minimize thefts. Deputy Barragan said more than one area is needed and the area should be well lit. He said the Sheriff’s will be adding 10 more cadets, they will monitor certain areas.

D. Jacobs Pacific - M. Carvajal was not available.

IV. New Business –

A. Student food survey - Amanda Ryan-Romo, Kristin Reutimann and Eldin Onsgard gave a presentation on healthy food choices for the campus. Copies of the power point presentation were passed out along with a policy from the City of Pasadena and an LAUSD resolution. K. Reutimann surveyed her students and found that they were not eating healthy and asked for healthy choices. The campus is surrounded by junk food places. E. Onsgard also ran surveys and said some students do not eat breakfast. Those who did, ate cookies, had Mountain Dew or other non-healthy foods. He said students care more about their cars than they do about their health. It is a good time to think about making changes on campus. Eileen from Social Sciences collected data from her students and will collaborate. She said there is no access to healthy foods and that students want better choices. A. Owens had her classes participate. It is not only about the students, but also faculty and staff. V. Ghazarian said it is so important for us to teach these students what healthy is. E. Onsgard started a Kinesiology Club. His students juiced every week and have lost weight. K. Booth suggested E. Onsgard create a video and post it on the website. Maybe the survey can also be put on line. V. Ghazarian has invited the guests to other meetings.

V. Items from the floor –

Next meeting - The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Adjourned - Meeting adjourned at 1:25PM
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