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## CAMPUS SERVICES SAFETY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** October 12, 2006

**PRESENT:** Don Chapman, Rich O'Rourke, Lynn Bock, Carleen Dunn, Donna Walters

**ABSENT:** Bob LaFord, Ruth McNew

### **DISCUSSION:**

A letter of concern from the employees in Distribution Services was presented to the committee regarding the flow of traffic near the Physical Plant loading docks. The flow use to be one-way, but due to the steam line construction, was temporarily changed to become two-way traffic. Now that the construction is complete, the traffic flow, which has returned to one-way, is still being used by many vehicles as two-way. Rich O'Rourke and Carleen Dunn will work out the details with Parking and the Physical Plant for more signage in the area.

Another safety issue in the same area, on Commonwealth Ave at the end of Campus Center Way, concerns pedestrian safety. Due to construction, there is no side walk nor curbing to protect pedestrians who are walking in the road in an area where the roadway is already sufficiently narrow. The concern is that a pedestrian may be hit or that there may be a head-on vehicle crash if a car is trying to avoid a pedestrian in the road.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that scooters were parking too close to buildings. As vehicles with gas tanks, they should be at least 50 ft. away. Also, bicycles chained and locked to building railings pose a hazard and obstruct handicap access to buildings. The committee discussed ways to educate the general campus community about these safety concerns. Suggestions included an article in the *Daily Collegian* and *In the Loop*. The committee also discussed how they could assist and provide momentum to the campus-wide Safety Committee. One suggestion included emailing Campus Services Safety Committee meeting minutes to the campus-wide Safety Committee and sending one of our committee members as a liaison to their committee meeting. Donna Walters will find out whom to email the minutes and request a copy of their meeting schedule.

It has been awhile since the committee looked at division-wide Worker's Compensation injury data. Donna Walters will extend an invitation to Kelly Pleasant from Human Resources to the next meeting to share Worker's Compensation data for the division. The committee will extend an invitation to Sandy Anderson, Campus Services Director and the Campus Services management team.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** 2007: Jan 11, Apr 12, Oct 4

**HAND OUT AT MEETING:** Letter of concern from Distribution Services employees

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