

SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, May 14, 2007, 10:00 a.m., Human Resource Services Conference Room, 207 Old Main

Present: Billie Brooks, Brian Carrico, Steve Hensley, Andrea Koutsunis, Emily Okes, Jim Stephens

Prior Minutes: Minutes from the March 12, 2007 meeting were approved as printed.

Workers' Compensation Coverage for MCTC: Jim stated that the Marshall University workers' compensation contract with Brickstreet Mutual Insurance Company covers Marshall Community and Technical College. The policy did not explicitly state this.

Worker's Compensation Mod Factor/Premium Rates Go Down: The modification factor for Marshall University has dipped below 1.0. This means that Marshall University is performing relatively better than similarly-situated peer institutions. The policy premium amount is multiplied by the modification factor (mod factor/e-mod). If it is below 1.0 it yields a savings. If it is above 1.0 it increases the premium.

Morrow Library Roof Hatch: Safety Issue Input Form submitted 04/02/07. Brian Carrico stated that a contractor was engaged to replace the roof hatch covers on the Science Building and Morrow Library with lighter covers and to provide a hydraulic mechanism to keep the hatch open and allow it to close slowly. Repairs to cost about \$4,200.

Follow-Up from Softball Van Driving Issue: Jim mentioned the feedback from the person who complained about the operation of the 15-passenger vans in Las Vegas. Steve Hensley mentioned that he thought the NCAA had banned or discouraged the use of 15-passenger vans. Brian Carrico said he would check into this.

New Chair: This will be the last regular meeting for fiscal year 2007. Action needs to be taken to determine a Chair and Secretary for fiscal year 2008. Jim Stephens was returned as Chair and Dale Osburn as Secretary for Fiscal Year 2008.

Renovations to Memorial Student Center: Steve Hensley voiced concerns about plans for renovations in the Student Center. A brick wall will be removed and replaced with glass and new lights will be hung. Brian Carrico said that all work would have prior announcements and most of the rough work would be done at times when students are not in the Center. Some major work will be done on weekends.

Visually Impaired Student Contact with Fresh Paint: Steve Hensley recounted an episode where a visually impaired student brushed by fresh paint and got paint on her jacket. What was the University going to do about it and what would we do to prevent a recurrence of this? The Committee was in favor of the institution buying the individual a new coat.

Water Pooling on Sidewalks: Steve Hensley expressed concern about the water that pools on the sidewalks outside Prichard Hall and Harris Hall. It was noted that this is a natural low point and the sidewalks are flat with no crown. Brian Carrico said they were studying the issue and would recommend some kind of corrective action.

Church Demolition Set to Start May 21: Brian Carrico reported that the demolition of the church will start on May 21. The north lane of 5th Avenue and the west lane(s) of 20th street will be closed for about two weeks. They are going to take it down with a clam-shell.

Abatement in Smith Hall: Brian Carrico reported that abatement activities would occur in Smith Hall 3rd floor and 7th floor.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 9, 2007, 10:00 a.m., Human Resource Services Conference Room, 207 Old Main.