

**MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
MJC East Campus, JRNL 150
Notes**

Date: October 11, 2013

Present:

Becky Crow, Chair	Adrian DeAngelis, Vocational Labs	Tara Luihn, Student
Dorothy Pimentel, Risk Management	Cirilo Torres, Classified	Dave Keener, Facilities
Lloyd Jackson, Campus Safety	Jim Stevens, Faculty	Brian Sanders, CHO
Phillip Labrador, Faculty	Yolanda Avila, Classified	Marsha Calbreath, Recorder

Absent: (represented); Joe Caddell, Science Labs; Cecelia Vera, Health Services; Nicholas Stuyt, Agriculture

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Introduction & Housekeeping

Becky went over the charge of the committee for the benefit of newer members of the committee.

2. Approval of Notes from July 10, 2013 meeting

Becky asked if there were any comments regarding the meeting notes. Phillip moved and Jim Stevens seconded and the committee approved the notes.

3. Reports:

- Student Representative

There are no known concerns from students at this time. Tara commended Security for their quick response to a personal issue on campus.

- Risk Management

We are in the process of transitioning some of the safety duties to the risk management office.

- Facilities

Dave reported that Facilities worked with Community Ed on patchwork in Lot 106. The lot is used for motorcycle training, and this made the surface much safer.

Dave reported that about the incident near Morris where one large tree limb fell on five vehicles. The mature trees were planted in 1920s. A car was hit last year also. Facilities followed standard procedure, roping off the area and called in a company to remove the unsafe limbs. The stump will be removed at later date.

Dorothy said that personally owned vehicles are not covered by District insurance as it is an act of God. It was fortunate that no one was injured, as it is an active sidewalk. Jim asked whether it would be covered if the tree had fallen on a person. Dorothy said she would ask the insurance carrier.

4. Discussion Items

- Vehicles Driving on Sidewalks—Brian Sanders

Brian voiced the concerns about vehicles driving on the sidewalks and committee discussed the following issues:

- The sidewalks in the center of the west campus have become a high speed shortcut for campus trucks, vans, and some personal vehicles, affecting the safety of MJC students and staff.
- When the Great Valley Museum opens, classes of children will also be using those areas.
- Utility carts also travel on the sidewalk, and some are zipping through pedestrians. Becky says that the speed limit is no faster than pedestrians can walk.
- There are not enough loading zones and limited access for deliveries. Often vans park directly in front of the doors of Yosemite Hall to unload equipment, etc. This could impede egress in event of an evacuation.
- There are legitimate reasons when employees need to park on sidewalks to go in and out of building with tools and equipment, etc.
- Faculty and staff take advantage of the parking to deliver rule.
- People drive around the bollards.
- Second Street is now blocked. One road out is a safety issue.
- Current conditions invite poor behavior.

Dave reported that the loop road will be designated a perimeter road and will be completed shortly on the west side of the campus. He spoke with Facilities staff regarding expectations and accountability. Facilities staff are not to use the sidewalks as shortcuts. Please report poor behavior so he can hold the employees accountable.

Lloyd says that we need to establish rules about parking vehicles and establish better control regarding operating on a sidewalk without cause. The committee agreed that there is a safety hazard. The following issues will be referred to the Parking and Traffic Advisory Committee:

- Vehicles should not park too close to building egress
- Private vehicles on sidewalks
- Backing in pedestrian areas
- Speed of vehicles on sidewalks
- One way out of campus

- Smoking Ban on Campus—Becky Crow

This topic has been brought up many times. CDAC entertained a motion about a ban, but the students were against it. The president has indicated that it should be a student-driven issue. Tara will bring it to the student leadership.

According to Brian, the Science Community Center has been “smoked out” four times this semester because landscaping mulch caught on fire in the areas near the ashtrays. Facilities will relocate the ashtrays that are too close to 50 feet from the entrances. There was also discussion about flame retardant on the mulch.

- Electronic Cigarettes—Lloyd Jackson

Pedro Mendez inquired about use of electronic cigarettes indoors. Our board policy 3570 concerning smoking does not differentiate regarding electronic cigarettes. Lloyd researched

SB648, a bill being introduced that will change all laws in public buildings regarding smoking. It will make the same rules that apply to cigarettes apply to electronic cigarettes, but it is currently hung up in committee. It covers California Government Codes 7596 and 7597 which make it applicable to our specific facilities. The college can adopt its own rules.

Tobacco chewers are also a problem in the classroom. Lloyd suggested adding a prohibition to the class syllabus. Jim questioned whether it can be added to the syllabus and will look into it with the faculty policy and procedures group.

Lloyd believes that current board policy authorizes us to talk to the violators. From Campus Safety's point of view, smoking electronic cigarettes in the building causes a distraction. We ask them to leave and have not had any problems with compliance after speaking to them. If SB 648 passes, it is done. If it doesn't pass, the college can address it by changing the policy to include use of all tobacco products.

There was discussion regarding food and drink in the classroom and how it is policed. Tara said that the leaders in the student government can provide help.

- Dangerous Trees on Campus—Becky Crow
Due to lack of time, we will table this for now. Lloyd asked for a separate meeting to discuss the trees. Committee members agreed to meet on a Friday prior to the next Facilities Council Meeting. Marsha will send an invite.

5. Round Table: (Items too late for agenda or for the good of the campus)—

None.

6. Next meeting: January 17, 2014, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Glacier Hall Room 153. (Access the Conference Room 153 through Glacier Hall Room 165.) Send agenda items to Becky for the next meeting. Send someone else if you cannot make the meeting.

Committee Adjourned: 12:06 PM.