

**Minutes of WKU Safe Community Coalition meeting
February 26, 2015, 2:00pm – 3:00pm HRL Board Room**

Attendance: Ashley Koehler, EHS; David Oliver, EHS; Bob Skipper, Public Affairs; Kathy Penick, EHS; Andrew Rash, Student Activities; Rafael Casas, WKU PD; Anita Britt, EHS; Bob Austin, EHS; Dalla Emerson, Dining; Rebecca Lauth, Student; Jennifer Tougas, PTS; Jennifer McLeod, DFM; Stephen Rey, IMREC; Brandon Higgins, HR; Cynthia George, EHS; Kathryn Steward, Health Ed.; Lindsey Gilmore, Enrollment Management

Updates from Coalition Leaders: Discussion of linking Safe Community reference on university webpages to the WKU Safe Community webpage. Update on Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Current Discussion: Round Table discussion of how the week of snow days affected safety across campus. Several departments (IMREC, DFM, Dining, PTS, HRL) worked during the snow weather and reported some issues. These employees had problems with getting in to work due to the amount of snow on the sidewalk and parking lots. DFM reported equipment breaking due to overload. Human Resources reported that there were 7 claims due to the winter weather. Noted that our plans are good considering the frequency we get this type of extreme weather.

Task Group updates. SGA is concerned with lighting and pedestrian safety. The problem is that the roads in question are not university owned, but owned by BGMU.

Bowling Green and Warren County are concerned with the cost of becoming a Safe Community, although they have been assured the benefit is worth the cost.

A new discussion topic was brought up of giving students training about walking safely on campus. A suggestion was made to include this into MASTER Plan. This would include distracted texting (texting and walking), having a designated walker in situations with alcohol, and crosswalk tutorials.

Brainstorming session of ways to engage and encourage students with Safe Community goals. Using social media outlets is important on this front. Additionally, new media sources where students can learn from each other via video, photos, etc. (peer-to-peer). It was determined that contacted with groups that already exist are important. These groups can include: coalition for fair housing, SGA, Greek life organizations, or campus clubs.

Future: Reporting to NSC both annually and for 5-year re-designation discussed. More information could not be given to coalition member at the time of the meeting because this information was not known yet.

The next meeting is scheduled to be in June 2015.