Smith College

CCCP Meeting

Campus Center 103/104

12-13-11

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM.

**October Power Outage**

The October snowstorm power outage was discussed at great length. Student Affairs, Public Safety, Facilities Management, and house presidents had representatives in attendance to talk about the Halloween storm and resulting power outage.

* Julianne Ohotnicky represented the response team. A report draft was created on the emergency. It was reported that people hung up hand-written signs to communicated vital information to student residents.
* Scott Graham reported for Public Safety. The alert system was discussed, as was the timeline of events during the outage (initial power loss, first alerts, power restored). Scott considered the emergency response successful as no one was seriously injured, and everyone was housed and given food. The issues that need attention during the storm are being worked on to correct.
* Paula Welch represented Facilities Management. It was reported that the unstable power lines are unsafe for the proper operation of the co-gen facility; it was therefore shut down to prevent damage. Some independent generators on campus were new and were not technically understood by Smith technicians. Grounds clearing were discussed, as were the multiple downed trees across campus.
* House presidents spoke about the storm response. Some complaints were that not everyone could get the text messages about the power outage. Some students could not find an authoritative figure to talk to, or a public safety officer. Dietary needs of students were discussed, as was medical necessities like keeping insulin refrigerated for a diabetic student.

The Emergency Response Team reported that the ‘glitches’ from the communication system is being worked on. Other ideas posed from the storm were a central location for paper notices, and a possible 5 college collaborative in such emergencies.

It was reported that there were some dangerous charging stations set up in houses during the storm that didn’t meet electrical safety requirements. Food supply, text messages, parental emails are topics that were brought up to look at by the college.

A student thanked the college employees for their hard work during the storm.

**Coke Contract Sub-Committee**

The Coke sub-committee met in November to talk about speakers to invite for discussion. The committee was asked for ideas about who to invite to speak on behalf of this topic. A question was posed about which other colleges have banned Coke from their Campus.

This is the last meeting of the semester.

Meeting adjourned by 1:00 PM.