

WCSU Physical Working Conditions Committee
End of Year Report 2006-2007

The Working Conditions committee met the first Wednesday of each month throughout the school year (with the exception of January).

Highlights of the year;

Co-chairs elected; Joan Palladino and Pete Algarin

Updated bylaws to include School of Visual and Performing Arts school and greater representation from all areas of campus

Designated as WCSU safety committee

Clarified, for WCSU community, proper communication pathway to facilitate how repair work should be requested; emails should be sent to "Request Maintenance," stating location and nature of the issue before bringing unresolved issues to the committee.

The committee voted to recommend that in case of snow or ice, all resources (human or financial) be pooled to assist with removal. Faculty, staff and students should not have to report to work/ school if conditions are unsafe.

Higgins Hall has been an ongoing problem with loose tile, leaking ceilings and missing ceiling tiles.

These recommendations are the result of numerous complaints from faculty, staff and students.

Liugi Marcone presented follow-up information related to the different complaints about the physical work environment which were investigated and taken care of.

The committee recognizes the limitations of the maintenance and grounds crews due to campus infrastructure not being able to keep up with its growth. The committee continues to receive reports of excessive litter in the parking garages and some faculty members have stated the walkway and stairwells are very dirty and difficult to walk through.

Faculty members have contacted the committee in regards to the cigarette litter and how this presents to the public. It was also stated that individuals could do more to decrease litter in these areas.

SGA student representative, Mike Carlo will also bring concerns about excessive litter to SGA to try to educate the students.

Last meeting on May 2nd with new members present

New Chair elected for 2007-08 academic year; Joan Palladino

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Palladino and Pete Algarin

