ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

To: Safety Committee Members: Kevin Burns, James Flannery, Jason Kilgore, Ann Leidy, Suzanne Miller, Tamara Noecker, Joel Pearce, Dave Stuart, Kevin Tulley, Lisa Venkler, Kera Wierzbicki

Safety Committee Guests: Ted Romberger (SGI), Allyson Mullin (Mosteller & Associates), Amanda Frankhouser (Mosteller & Associates)

cc: Carol Munn-Donkin (Alvernia University), Joseph Thomas (SGI), Doug Smith (Alvernia University), Ken Norwitz (Willis HRH), Paul Becker (Lackawanna Insurance Group)

From: Kera Wierzbicki

Date: Tuesday April 3, 2012

Time: 10:30 AM

Place: Polish-American Room in the Library

Safety Committee Members Present: James Flannery, Suzanne Miller, Tamara Noecker, Joel Pearce, Kevin Tulley, Lisa Venkler, Kera Wierzbicki

Safety Committee Members Absent: Kevin Burns, Jason Kilgore, Ann Leidy, Dave Stuart

Safety Committee Guests Present: Paul Becker (Lackawanna Insurance Group)

Agenda:

I. Review and approval of last month’s Safety Committee minutes.
II. Review of last month’s OSHA 300 log for accidents:
   a. There were no OSHA reportable accidents in March. However, there was one non-reportable incident: a Maintenance employee was preparing to test the emergency generator at St. Anthony’s. The generator has a battery backup. As the employee turned on the breaker to the generator, the battery exploded. Most of the battery acid sprayed down and onto the floor underneath the generator. However, a small amount of acid did spray the employee in the face and upper body. The employee immediately flushed his eyes and face with water. The employee was sent to the emergency room as a precaution. The employee was not injured. Preliminary investigation determined that a strong surge of AC current somehow ran through the battery causing it to explode. A replacement battery will not be installed until a final determination as to the cause of the explosion is found in order to prevent another incident. As a further safety precaution, steel battery casings were purchased for this battery and for the other three battery-backed generators on main campus. If one of these batteries should explode in the future, the steel case should contain the explosion and any battery acid that may leak out.

III. Other safety related items:
   a. Building inspections will be performed between now and the May meeting. The same teams will inspect the same building that they inspected last time. Checklists and keys will be provided (just let Kera know).

IV. Next meeting: Tuesday May 1, 2012 at 3:00pm in the Polish-American Room. **Note time change.

V. Adjournment