

## MACER Notes for February 18, 2016 Meeting



**Representing Management:** Bill Heineman, Steve Fabbrucci, David Gingerella

**Representing NECCPA:** Linda Giampa, Ann Grandmaison, Kristen Arnold, Louise Michaud

**This meeting was held on in the President's Conference Room from 3-4pm.**

### 1. Bomb Threat

- David Gingerella provided a handout of questions and answers that he would be providing to the Observer for publication. Since NECC is a state institution, the Massachusetts State Police are handling the investigation. For that reason, he is limited in what he can share about the situation. The Observer information had been approved for release. See attached.
- The college was approached two months ago (before we had received any threats) by local agencies asking if we could put together a class for area officers to learn more about how bomb threats are assessed. The meeting was held Tuesday 2/23 and was open to anyone at the college – however the class is not being offered as a result of the recent NECC threats. The timing is coincidental.

### 2. Public Safety

- Linda Giampa brought up an issue she had been made aware of that happened in a Spurk bathroom. An employee witnessed a male public safety officer in a female restroom placing a used hypodermic needle into a plastic bottle in order to dispose of it. It appeared he had been called to the scene after someone else reported seeing the needle. She asked David Gingerella what the process was for such situations. Gingerella acknowledged that there is a current opioid crisis in Massachusetts and NECC is being affected by it. Public Safety officers are instructed to dispose of needles, but do not carry Narcan (an opioid antidote that can prevent overdoses.) **\*The Observer Security Log has since reported that the needle had been used for insulin.**
- Linda Giampa has been hearing from members who are not happy about receiving parking tickets for straddling parking spaces. When it snows it's hard to see the lines and issuing parking tickets seems unreasonable. Giampa questioned whether such ticketing should be a priority for Public Safety. David Gingerella noted some legitimate reasons for issuing tickets to cars taking up two spaces – but said he would speak with Public Safety about using some discretion on snowy days. Anyone who feels they were issued a ticket unfairly in this type of situation is welcome to contact David Gingerella.

### 3. Internal Postings

Linda Giampa asked about the recent uptick in internal postings at NECC. Steve Fabbrucci said the college is experimenting with using internal postings, but to his knowledge no MCCC postings were internal, nor are they allowed to be per the MCCC contract. Ann Grandmaison commented how difficult the postings are to find on the website. Fabbrucci will look into this.

### 4. DCE Sick Time

Linda Giampa and Steve Fabbrucci have a meeting set up to discuss this outside of MACER.

## 5. Renovation Update

- Linda Giampa said that there is still some confusion regarding the moving process for faculty; an email went out saying to be boxed up and ready to move by spring break. David Gingerella said that this timeline only applies to certain individuals, and they will be notified well in advance. Other updates include:
  - Classroom space is being built in the bottom of B Building
  - Ernie Greenslade and her group are moving, and they are aware of this.
  - By the end of the semester Spurk will be 20-40% moved out – everyone else will move after Commencement.
  - Riverwalk offices are moving after May.
  - The second floor of the Haverhill CPAC will have an emergency exit installed over spring break.
- Bill Heineman will talk to Sharon about how the communication can be clearer.
- Giampa asked about a recent comment made by Gingerella at another meeting, and he confirmed that he is only 75% sure we have the funding needed for the Spurk project. We won't know with 100% certainty until May which is when we will have an approved budget. "It's not impossible the state could take the \$18 million and use it elsewhere" he said. He said he doesn't think it's going to happen and has been assured by DCAMM that the money will be coming, "but until it's committed from Boston, it's not official." The contingency plan has not been developed yet, but it could involve having everyone move back to Spurk, or possibly waiting it out if there is a feeling the funding would come through at a later date, added Heineman.

*Next meeting: The next MACER meeting will be March 24, 2016*