

BANGOR UNIVERSITY
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 23rd May 2012

Present:

(a): Amendment to the University Health and Safety Policy

The Safety Executive Task Group recommended that the University Health and Safety Policy be amended to include the responsibility now delegated to the Head of Residences for the residential estate. This recommendation was made as the existing Policy refers to the Director of Estates & Facilities having responsibility for all buildings and due to the recent changes this is no longer the case.

The recommended changes, inserting the role of Head of Residences and including a new

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- ii. Safety and risk management support activity continued to focus on reducing risk exposure, assisting Colleges and Departments, developing people and simplifying procedures to enable activities to occur.

406. REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES (CoHaBS)

The recent audit of CoHaBS highlighted the College's positive commitment to health and safety with the quantitative and qualitative scoring for overall health and safety management performance, scoring "Good" and "Very Good" respectively. Recommendations made were very similar to those of other Colleges and are being considered at a University level.

Following the audit, a number of health and safety training sessions have been provided to CoHaBS staff.

407. SELF EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT

The 2011 Annual College / Department Self Evaluation of Health and Safety Performance saw returns from all six Colleges and 14 out of 21 Service Departments.

Overall the responses and results were positive with improvement seen in most areas. Areas requiring improvement included improving mechanisms for performance reporting and record keeping. It was noted the self evaluation process will change in 2012.

408. REPORT ON THE SAFETY OF THE ESTATE

A summary of ongoing Estates and Facilities activities was provided. The following key items were noted:

- i. the process will ensure the University has a pool of 'vetted' contractors who can be appointed to undertake work.
- ii. it had been recognised accessibility needs to be improved across the estate.
- iii. which looks at backlog maintenance issues as well as the future of the estate, will be completed by July, in line with the HEFCW deadline.
- iv. tenders have been returned. Works should start by the end of the summer with completion of the project scheduled for the end of July 2013.
- v. discussions are ongoing with the preferred bidder. It is envisaged the construction stage will commence during summer 2012.

A discussion ensued regarding the Estates and Facilities Department being consulted on proposed changes to the estate in a timely manner. It was suggested that potential impacts on the estate should be included at research grants application stage and following discussion it was *agreed* to take the matter forward to the Research Strategy Task Group for consideration.

409. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of any other business.