Campus Assembly Report  
Fall 2002 Meeting  
November 15, 2002  
Environmental Health, Safety, Energy Management &  
Civil Defense Committee

The committee met twice this semester prior to today’s meeting. The committee is working on a number of items. We reviewed two concerns brought forward by CSA and looking at the committee’s duties as set forth by the Campus Assembly.

One concern by CSA was pedestrian safety in the crosswalk between the campus and UTOC on the county road to the north. Now that vehicles are parking along the curb on both sides, the students and faculty can not always be seen stepping out into the road. Facilities Management has painted the curb and placed a “No Parking Here To Corner” sign on the south side of the road which has improved the visibility and safety of those crossing the road. Thank you to Kent Freberg and his staff at Facilities Management for taking care of this.

The committee also discussed concerns from members about the speed of drivers moving through the parking lots, around the mall, and on the east and south roads. Visibility of pedestrians and other vehicles is often limited and this time of year the roads are very slippery.

Another concern by CSA was the smoking areas at the northwest entrance to Dowell Hall and the west entrance to Dowell Annex. These areas are located close to the outdoor play area for the Early Childhood Building. The committee is forwarding a recommendation to the UMC Executive Committee to consider banning smoking in this area near the children's playground.

The committee sent a letter to the Director of Residential Life applauding that department’s willingness to offer McCall as a smoke-free residence hall starting this fall semester. We offered our support for Residential Life to consider the indoor air quality for our students and expanding that policy to other dormitories in the future.

Our committee is reviewing the list of duties as assigned by Campus Assembly. The present duties state committee responsibilities that are regulatory, to assign duties to correct deficiencies, to cooperate with University and state regulatory departments and maintain the Emergency Operations Plan. These, we feel, are all administrative responsibilities. We have drafted a revised list of duties that combine part of the present into two duties that cover most of the components of our charge, but we will review and make recommendations to the UMC Executive Committee for improvements in the area of environmental health, safety and energy management on the campus.

These recommendations will be forwarded through the Campus Assembly process and hopefully be brought to the Spring Semester Campus Assembly meeting for approval to be implemented for the 2003-04 academic year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Feiro, Chair