Indiana Emergency Management/Homeland Security Higher Education Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2008
10am – 2pm (Eastern Time)
University of Indianapolis
Schwitzer Student Center, Room #004 (Lower-Level)
1400 East Hanna Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

Hosted by: Thomas C. Christenberry, Director of Public Safety Education and
Michael Reddick, Chief of Police
University Police Department

Members present: Tom Christenberry, Janet Archer, Jason Carroll, Dave Tate, Jim White, Dan Burgei, Mike Howard, Lee Ann Wambach, Tom Beckner, Jason Winkle*, Amy Lindsey, Kelly Brown, Kevin Slates (Michael Reddick – Guest)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call - Tom Christenberry, Chair

2. Reading & Approval of Minutes – No Minutes

3. Main Topic #1: Post-Critique/Comment on 2008 Conference
   a. Tom Christenberry, Brad Thatcher and Amy Lindsey
      i. Thanks to Brad, Amy and Jason Carroll for pulling together on short notice and creating an excellent conference. 125 attended –
      ii. Vendors – seven set up – could have better response with a longer time line.
      iii. Poster Session – College Student involvement was excellent – Eta Sigma Iota – could have better response with longer time line
      iv. Service Learning – Dean Larson’s session well-received and good example of how this advisory board can contribute 
      v. Excellent panel to end the conference “Shots Fired”
      vi. Take away knowledge – off-campus sites audit for emergency preparedness
      vii. Missed the opportunity to feature college programs in Indiana
   b. Conference Committee Tasks for 2009
      i. Conference Theme and coordination with IERC, etc.
      ii. Student engagement – poster session and service learning
iii. Vendors
   c. Conference Attendees – Good comments about selection of topic and presenters – Virginia Tech speakers well-received, good coverage of campus safety, campus violence.

4. Main Topic #2: Future and Direction of the Advisory Board
   a. Continue to operate as an advisory board
   b. Officers – Need new chair and vice-chair
   c. Lee Ann will continue as secretary
   d. Tom reviewed history of advisory board – explore higher education opportunities in Indiana, success in four conferences,
      i. Intention to be a resource to state institutions in develop courses and degree programs to meet needs for graduates
      ii. Resource to state institutions to strengthen campus security issues – network Indiana colleges
      iii. Further defined the partnership with Indiana Dept of Homeland Security
      iv. Jim White suggests that the board go forward with these curriculum ideas – IUPUI will offer a certificate in Public Safety –
      v. Jason W. suggests that we promote career and education opportunities statewide – perhaps through a website.
      vi. Many ideas for possible approaches to research and curriculum development
      vii. Original goals included reviewing any new programs in the state.
      viii. Transferability is still possible but difficult. Also difficult to address needs of adult learners and distance education course delivery.
      ix. Possibility to gain more exposure through electronic communication to constituencies – to gain credibility – regular communication – articles and research results, features of activities on campuses – new courses, eta sigma iota activities
     x. www.nlearn.org
     xi. Research mission – one project per year is possible
     xii. Exposure to high school counselors and others searching for college information www.learnmoreindiana.org
     xiii. Asked Lee Ann to resend contact information among board members and a list of tasks developed from this discussion

5. Emergency Management Educational Needs Survey – Kevin Slates and Kelly Brown – recommended using ASIS (Jason Carroll), ASSE (Mike Howard) membership lists and the list of governmental agencies (Dave Tate). Anyone with a distribution list of relevant professionals should send it to Kelly and Kevin.

6. Report of the Officers, Boards, & Committee Reports
   a. Conference
      i. 2009 Conference (October 2009) proposed dates are October 14, 15, 16 with IERC, etc. with 3 tracks, 90 minute sessions, and keynote
speaker on Thursday night. Could also use the “Round Table” method for breakout sessions

ii. Have one day a “college day” to invite students and faculty for poster session and service learning, and a review of all college programs – pan-flu, MRSA -- this could be Thursday or Friday.

iii. Indiana Business Weekly would be a great contact to advertise and ask for vendors

iv. Ideas for educational sessions: Disaster Recovery (long-term) and special needs populations in emergency management

v. Multi-focused conference looking at many kinds of businesses that need emergency management information

vi. Campus Safety & Emergency Preparedness – Mike Howard, Chair
   1. IAPPA conference March 3 – 5 at Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute.

7. New Business
   a. Upcoming Board Meeting and Hosts
      i. January 16, 2009 – Ivy Tech Indianapolis
      ii. March 20, 2009 – Purdue University (West Lafayette)
      iii. May 15, 2009 – Valparaiso University
      iv. July 17, 2009 – University of Southern Indiana (Evansville)
      v. September 18, 2009 – Indiana University (Bloomington)
      vi. Conference 2009 – October 14, 15, 16, 2009
      vii. November 20, 2009 – Indiana State University (Terre Haute)
   b. Election of Officers-delayed – please speak to Tom if willing to serve as president or vice-president.

8. Adjournment

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