

DATE: April 12, 2010
TO: Federation members
FROM: Jennie Smith, FSFCCP Secretary
SUBJECT: Request for volunteers for College-wide Health and Safety Committee *Deadline: Friday, April 30*

Are you concerned about health and safety issues at the College?

Do you want to help:

- *Prevent accidents, injuries and illnesses among campus workers?*
- *Ensure that our workplace is safe and ready for potential emergencies?*
- *Protect our indoor air quality and ensure healthful environmental conditions?*
- *Monitor the use and storage of toxic substances on campus?*

If so, volunteer as a Faculty and Staff Federation representative on the College's Health and Safety Committee!

The Committee was formed in the 1990's, when changes in the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation law permitted employers who maintain a workplace safety committee certified by the state to receive a discount in their workmen's compensation premiums.

The purpose of workplace safety committees is to help prevent and reduce workplace accidents, injuries and illnesses and to monitor conditions in the workplace related to safety and health. They are designed to bring employees and management together in a cooperative effort to promote safety and health, detect hazards, analyze problems, make recommendations, and monitor implementation of improvement measures.

Federation-appointed members of the Health and Safety Committee are expected to:

- *Attend committee meetings regularly*
- *Participate in training activities*
- *Monitor campus safety and health issues, including emergency procedures*
- *Serve as a conduit for hearing worker concerns and complaints and communicating important information to fellow workers*

State required training is scheduled to take place during Professional Development Week, August 30-September 3, 2010. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please contact Jennie Smith at jesmith@ccp.edu. ***Even if you are currently serving on the Health and Safety Committee, you must confirm your interest in continuing to serve on the committee by April 30.*** The Representative Council will decide on new appointments before the start of the new academic year.