

Meeting Minutes of the Campus Safety and Health Committee

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: WebEx

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Michael Bullard.

2. Members

Present: - Michael Bullard, Charles Chavis, Mike Parnell, Carolyn Parsons, Whitney Akers, Cotrayia Hardison, McDuffie Cummings, Abdul Ghaffar, Travis Bryant, Shelia Hardee, Nicolette Campos

3. Introduction

Michael Bullard - opened up the discussion with introductions and with old business.

4. Old Business

New Construction on Campus:

- Michael Bullard – Stated the construction on-campus is going well.

Apartment complex across Prospect Road from Village Apartments:

- Michael Bullard – Stated that the new apartment complex is starting to come together; please pay attention while traveling in the areas. There is a lot of traffic and a lot of trucks going in there.
 - Shelia – asked if the university owns any of the projects across the road.
- Michael Bullard – Stated that it was a private project.

Highway Infrastructure Improvement:

- Michael Bullard -Stated that the project would start in the spring, starting in downtown to Food Lion, which includes making improvements to traffic safety and new sidewalks and bike paths between town and campus. There will also be security call boxes, video surveillance, and additional lighting.

More Information can be found [here](#).

Parking on campus:

- McDuffie Cummings – Presented a question, "Does the group have any suggestions on utilizing rumble strips near the round-a-bouts on Prospect Road?"
 - Michael Bullard – Could also add flashing warning lights near the round-a-bout to warn drivers.
 - Cotrayia Hardison – I think that would be a good idea.
- McDuffie Cummings – Stated that they did have another vehicle come through the round-a-bout. We have had five events where the cars ran through the round-a-bouts.

- Travis – advised that he would reach out to NC DOT and see what they recommended.

5. New Business

COVID-19 Response and progress to date:

- Michael Bullard – advised that the numbers on-campus remain consistent with old students leaving quarantine/isolation with new students also coming in. On-campus, we have had two parties they think are driving the numbers. Talked about exit testing for students before they leave campus to go home. We are going to have a meeting to talk about the logistics. If we do have the exit testing, it has been suggested to have it in the auxiliary gym the Thursday and Friday before the final exams.
 - Abdul Gaffer – Mike, what do you know about the parties?
- Michael Bullard – One was in Pine Hall, and the other was a bonfire, and there was a good number of athletes involved.
- Carolyn Parsons – asked if the students will be tested once returning to campus.
 - Michael Bullard – SHS will still conduct screening when students return to campus for the spring 21' semester. They were still going to have a system of checking everyone's temperature before they enter the residence halls.
- Travis Bryant – advised that the CDC has issued some guidance on students returning home and returning to campus in the spring and recommended exit and entry testing. The university has purchased a good number of rapid tests, and the university is considering using those tests for exit/entry testing in the spring.
- Carolyn Parsons – asked if the university will still conduct antibody testing in the spring semester.
 - Travis Bryant – The antibody testing is based on a grant, and it depends on how much funding is available.

Student Outreach / Events:

- Michael Bullard – Student outreach events (in-person) have been curtailed, and we plan to restart in the spring 21' semester. We're going to start those up again, and when we do start having those events, we'll reach out to get you all to help with the tables and events.
 - Whitney Akers – had a comment on students' events, knowing that the rates are really increasing across the country, and it sounds like the campus as well. Do we have any ideas for maybe virtual events in the spring?
- Michael Bullard – A lot of our outreach involved giveaways, but we can include virtual events.
 - Whitney Akers – We can still plan to include the giveaways and leave them at a centralized location.

6. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Report

- **Accidents on campus:**
33 accident investigations / 11 recordable incidents
- **Inspections:**
15 safety inspections conducted on-campus facilities

- **Training:**
CPR classed delayed | Aerial Lift | Upcoming Forklift Class |
- **LiveSafe:**
3432 LiveSafe Users | Students are using the app to report their peers for actions such as substance abuse use, parties, improper parking, and large gatherings.

7. Miscellaneous

- McDuffie Cummings – Gave an update on on-campus police's efforts during election week. We have broken the department down from four squads into two squads, consisting of 10 officers per shift, four residential officers, and officers working inside academic buildings/administration buildings.
 - Carolyn Parsons – Asked how long will this be in effect.
- McDuffie Cummings – Stated that it is set for the remainder of the week and will expand if need to.
- Whitney Akers – Stated Thanks for all you have been doing. If you see any students with emotional distress, please send them to CAPS.

8. Announcements

Next meeting ****TBD****

9. Adjournment

Michael Bullard adjourned the meeting. At 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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