**Health, Safety, and Environmental Subcommittee**

**Meeting minutes February 1, 2021 (3:30-3:50)**

*Committee Members Present*: Gaye Acikdilli (chair), Robert Arndt, Emilia Bak, Michael Bullard, McDuffie Cummings, Mary Ann Jacobs, Melissa McLean, Claudia Nickolson (acting secretary), Royal Travis Bryant (Guest)

*Committee Members Absent*: Amy Purser, Rita Hagevik

1. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 3:30. Claudia Nickolson agreed to serve as secretary for the meeting.*

1. Approval of Minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting. *Approved without revision.*
2. Approval of February 1 Agenda. *Approved without revision.*
3. Report from Chair.
	1. *The University staff have been working diligently to prepare for a safe start of the semester and their efforts are appreciated during this unpredictable and difficult time.*

*The offices of Environment Health and Safety, Student Health Services and Human Resources organized four Covid-19 informational sessions on November 23, 24 and January 14, 15 for all faculty and staff. These were valuable and helpful prior to holiday season and in preparation for spring semester.*

1. Report from McDuffie Cummings, Jr., Chief of Police: *Police have been busy responding to students not following the visitation policy. The NCDOT did a traffic study concerning speed limits and crosswalks. They had two meetings over break and another scheduled for 2/23. A copy of the proposal will be shared with the group.*
2. Report from Michael Bullard, Safety Officer for Environmental Health and Safety: *Recommendation to continue following protocols (Covid-19). Spreadsheet numbers are holding steady and positive cases are flat now. Students may increase spread now that school is back in session. No transmissions in classrooms. Classrooms are being cleaned on an A-B rotation. Gaye asked if the Covid test results from last week had been updated. Royal Travis Bryant shared that 1049 came through the drive-in testing and only 13 tested positive.*
3. Report from Melissa McLean, Staff Council: *Staff council discussed Covid, and elected officers. They also discussed the Town Hall meeting and a spring break initiative for staff; possibly something to show appreciation campus-wide. They will meet again on Feb. 18.*
4. Old Business: *Covid-19 situation is at the forefront of health-related concerns.*
	1. *Update about filters from Michal. HEPA filters have been installed in all campus buildings. In additions to the upgrade to HEPA filters, bi-polar ionization systems have been added to high population buildings on campus.*
	2. *Adding additional information to the UNCP COVID-19 dashboard has been accomplished.*
	3. *Update on testing and return to campus for spring semester. Testing events were held on campus Jan. 27, 28. Procedures for return to campus in the spring followed those conducted in previous semester.*
	4. *Update on the Chancellor’s attendance at political rally in Lumberton: The statement developed by the committee was as follows: “The HSES recommends all members of the university follow the current social distancing and large gathering COVID-19 guidelines issued by the CDC and maintained on the UNCP campus. If one must attend an event that goes against these guidelines, the individual should take steps to quarantine, take a COVID test, and notify his or her superior when appropriate.’ This notice was presented to the FIAC. The Chancellor discussed his presence during a Facutly Senate meeting. He explained the rationale for his participation.*
5. New Business: The importance of following updated CDC guidelines such as proper use of mask and double masking was highlighted by Gaye. She shared information about an app that can be downloaded on smart devices called SlowcovidNC.
	1. <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/slow-spread/slowcovidnc>
6. Announcements: *Next meeting is March 1*.

*XI. Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.*