

Subcommittee on Health, Safety, and Environment

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 7, 2016

233 University Center

Members present:

Jessica Abbott, Chair

Michael Bullard

Ki Chae

Robert Arndt (Library)

Walter Lewallen

Charles Chavis

Members absent:

Misty Stone, Secretary

Daren Nelson

Carl Danis

McDuffie Cummings

Michael Alewine

Recording Secretary:

Jessica Abbott

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jessica Abbott at 3:35 pm

II. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2016 meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved without additions or corrections.

III. Approval of Agenda

Approved without additions and corrections

IV. Report from the Chair

Jessica Abbott welcomed all members; there was no report given.

V. Reports from Administrators

No reports from administrators

VI. Old Business

Live Safe app will now be the vehicle by which we receive alerts, etc.; app was launched in September.

Smoking policy: campus police have problems with enforcing smoking ban because they have other tasks and duties.

Skateboarding: skateboarding is largely unregulated at UNCP and this does not appear to be usual for universities in North Carolina. Good signage is necessary to encourage responsible skateboarding. Distracted skateboarding, cycling, and walking presents problems, especially when foot traffic is high directly before and after classes. UNCP needs to create a culture of safety—campus safety had a pedestrian safety campaign a few years ago and may need to revise and revive the campaign.

Dial Building: A contractor was scheduled to evaluate the Dial Building, but was delayed due to the effects of Hurricane Matthew. In the meantime, faculty, staff, and students in the Dial Building should be individually reporting any issues with mold, leaks, etc. to Facilities immediately—this can be done by emailing safety@uncp.edu

VII. New Business

Bicycle Rentals on Campus: Is there a liability issue by renting bicycles without including helmets in the rental? If helmets were included, would there be hygiene issues with reusing them?

Chemical Hygiene Plan: Final draft copy of the plan is circulating the Lab Safety Committee now.

Hurricane Matthew: There are some issues that Hurricane Matthew brought to light. First, there were some complaints about drainage issues after even a moderate amount of rain. It was revealed that storm sewers cannot accommodate heavy rain. At one time, there was a large drainage ditch/canal, but the canal was filled in to build the University Center. Essentially, with our current infrastructure on campus, there are few places for rain water to go. Additionally, there were some complaints about communication before, during, and after the storm. The university was not evacuated sooner because of faulty weather forecasts. The LiveSafe app will be used for future emergencies.

Cars Parked in the Median by Starbucks, library, etc.: This is an increasing problem, especially after 5:00. Individuals are parking in the median for prolonged periods of time. Cars parked for prolonged periods of time can be reported to police via LiveSafe or campus police can be called directly.

VIII. Announcements

The next meeting will be held in UC 233 at 3:30 pm on Monday, February 6, 2017.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm by Chair, Jessica Abbott.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jessica Abbott
Recording Secretary