Health, Safety, and Environmental Subcommittee

Meeting minutes August 31, 2020 (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), Amy Purser

*Committee Members Absent*: Rita Hagevik

Welcome message from Abby Mann highlighting that the reporting on dashboard provides information about numbers of students in quarantine and isolation. It was not clear to the committee if there is a task related to this reporting or the timing of the reporting for us to discuss as new business.

1. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 3:35*

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 6, 2020 meeting. *Approved without revision.*
2. Approval of Agenda. *Approved without revision.*
3. Report from Chair

*Announcement that our next meeting is Oct. 5. No additional topics for discussion had been submitted in advance. Claudia agreed to serve as secretary for today’s meeting.*

1. Old Business

*Covid-19 situation is at the forefront of health-related concerns. Michael reported that we have passed beyond anything that we expected. All health and safety related entities on campus are working together. Michael suggested that he or Charles be kept informed prior to our meetings with concerns and communicate directly and immediately rather than waiting for our next meeting.*

1. New Business

*Campus concerns will remain a focus, such as reporting in dashboards, more transparency with Covid related information. Access to information is crucial for all stakeholders. Amy reported that students in her area (Health Sciences) seem to be following protocols and not expressing anxieties. She also shared concerns that transmission is occurring elsewhere not just campus. Emilia pointed out that some students are expressing fears but are observing the “rules.” The distinction between the term “quarantine” and “isolation” may not be clear to all which would impact the accuracy of reporting.*

1. Announcements. *There were no other announcements.*
2. Adjournment. *Robert called for adjournment and the meeting was adjourned at 3:50*