**Health, Safety, and Environment Subcommittee**

Meeting Agenda

October 5, 2020 at 3:30 PM

Location: WebEx https://uncp.webex.com/uncp/j.php?MTID=m1c8852ad929987bf2e359afa2cc8daaf

Meeting number (access code): 172 963 6160

Meeting password: HSES-2020-2021

As per UNCP Faculty Handbook 2020-2021:

Section 2.C.3.The Health, Safety, and Environment Subcommittee will discuss and investigate issues related to the health concerns of students, staff and faculty due to environmental conditions on campus in addition to issues related to environmental sustainability.  Members of the Faculty, Staff or Student body may attend and make known concerns they have related to health, safety and environment issues. The committee may meet more often when needed to investigate specific issues that may arise.

Section 5.B.3. There shall be seven members, one from each division and a representative from the Library. The member from the Division of Health Sciences must be from the Department of Nursing. Divisional faculty members are to be nominated by the Committee on Committees and Elections and confirmed by the Senate. Also, there shall be a representative from the Staff Council. The committee will also include the Safety Officer for Environmental Health and Safety, and the Chief of University Police. The committee will be chaired by one of the faculty members, and the chair of this committee will serve as one of the faculty representatives on the University Campus Safety and Health Committee.

Section 6. Meetings of HSES schedule: The first Monday of each month.

Committee Members 2020-2021:

Gaye Acikdilli (SBS)

Robert Arndt (Library)

Emilia Bak (ARTS)

Michael Bullard (Safety Officer for Environmental Health and Safety)

McDuffie Cummings, Jr. (Chief of Police)

Rita Hagevik (NSM)

Mary Ann Jacobs (LETT)

Melissa McLean (Staff Council)

Claudia Nickolson (EDUC)

Amy Purser (CHS)

I. Call to Order

A. Rotation of Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes of August 31, 2020 Meeting (Appendix A)

III. Approval of October 5, 2020 Agenda.

IV. Report from the Chair

A. Communicated at the September 15 FIAC meeting.

B. Issues raised by faculty members since our August 31 meeting:

1. Concern that the Spring 2021 schedule assumes a completely normal semester, which is highly unlikely given the consensus of scientists and experts about the persistence of the pandemic.

2. HR to continue acceptance and follow accommodations for individual faculty members per CDC guidelines into Spring 2021 semester.

3. Delaying the start of the Spring 2021 semester to reduce class meetings during flu season.

4. Elimination of the 2021 Spring Break to reduce student travel and potential transmission of the virus.

V. Old Business

A. UNCP COVID-19 Dashboard has been updated and included some of the items that were discussed August 31 meeting. The new dashboard has information on percentage of capacity for isolation and quarantine.

VI. New Business

A. Compliance with NC Open Law regulations

(The major change is: unless by acclamation, voting will be roll call)

B. Other discussion

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

Appendix A

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, Nathan Thomas

*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*