Health, Safety, and Environmental Subcommittee

Meeting minutes November 2, 2020 (~3:30-4:15)

*Committee Members Present*: Gaye Acikdilli (chair), Robert Arndt, Emilia Bak (acting secretary), Michael Bullard, McDuffie Cummings, Rita Hagevik, Mary Ann Jacobs, Claudia Nickolson, Amy Purser

*Committee Members Absent*: Melissa McLean

*Guest:* Charles Chavis

1. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. Emilia Bak volunteered to serve as a secretary for this meeting.*

1. Approval of Minutes of the Oct. 5, 2020 meeting. *Announcement was made to correct from thermostat to thermometer. Minutes were approved.*
2. Approval of Agenda. *Approved without revision.*
3. Report from the Chair: A summary of updates was provided to the FIAC meeting on October 20.
4. Report from McDuffie Cummings: *Campus is prepping for the election Tues., Nov. 3. Police shifts are double stacked from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. and with 12 officers from 6 p.m.-6 a.m. The SBI is monitoring social media traffic at all UNC schools with special attention toward UNCP in light of recent protests on campus.*

*There was a traffic accident at the Prospect Rd. traffic circle Fri., Oct. 30. Campus police have had outside help issuing more citations. The committee discussed looking into more lighting or volunteer/crossing guards at that location.*

1. Report for Michael Bullard: *There’s been in an uptick in the COVID-19 numbers and quarantine numbers due to Athletics.*
2. Old Business: *Grant from the NC Department of Transportation will include security call boxes, video surveillance, and additional lighting for new sidewalks and bike paths.*

*Safety message to the University community that was approved is still being worked upon.*

1. New Business: *There are some concerns about classroom air being safe and the time in between class periods.*

*Michael Bullard stated: per the Facilities HVAC supervisor, HEPA filters have been installed in all campus buildings. In addition to the upgrade to HEPA filters, bi-polar ionization systems have been added to high population buildings on campus.*

*Discussion of putting that information onto the COVID dashboard since several committee members were unaware of these precautions.*

*Discussion about testing and returning for the spring semester. Returning to campus in the spring will proceed in a similar fashion with temperature and symptom checks. More drive thru testing will be offered. Some universities are requiring testing before spring commences. Discussion of recommending students, faculty, and staff get a COVID test before returning for spring.*

*The committee chair read a statement from faculty members about Chancellor Cummings attendance at the Trump event a week ago. Faculty were concerned about the disregard for public health, the hypocrisy of this appearance, and the negative light UNCP has been cast in. The committee made a motion to release the following statement:*

***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.***

1. Announcements: *The next meeting is Feb 1. 2021.*
2. Adjournment*: Meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.*