**Health, Safety, and Environment Subcommittee**

Meeting Agenda

February 1, 2021 at 3:30 PM

Location: WebEx

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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 November 2, 2020 Meeting (Appendix A)

III. Approval of February 1, 2021 Agenda.

IV. Report from the Chair

A. The University and its staff have been working diligently to prepare for a safe start of the semester and environment on campus. We should appreciate all these efforts given the uncertainties and the difficulties of this pandemic.

B. The offices of Environment Health & Safety, Student health Services & Human Resources organized four Covid-19 informational sessions on November 23, 24 and January 14,15 for all faculty & staff. These were excellent before the holiday season and preparing for the spring semester. Michael reminded safety rules.

V. Report from McDuffie Cummings, Jr., Chief of Police

VI. Report from Michael Bullard, Safety Officer for Environmental Health and Safety

VII. Report from Melissa McLean, Staff Council

VIII. Old Business

A. Update about filters: Michael Bullard stated that according to 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.

B. Adding additional information to the UNCP COVID-19 dashboard has been accomplished.

C. Update about testing and returning for the spring semester: Faculty, staff, and student testing events on January 27 and 28 on campus. Returning to campus in the spring will be conducted in a similar fashion as in the previous semester.

D. Update on the Chancellor Cummings attendance at the political event 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 Faculty Senate meeting. He explained the rationale for his participation.

IX. New Business

A. Covid-19 vaccination

B. Testing protocols and mandatory requirements

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

Appendix A

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.*

Adjournment*: Meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.*