Minutes - APPROVED
Meeting of the Health, Safety and Environment Committee (HSEC)
Monday, October 1, 2012
University Center (UC), Room 251
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Robert Arndt, Travis Bryant, Chris Locklear, Ottis Murray, Larry Freeman, Mordechai Inbari, Dena Evans, Jennifer Johnson, Arthur Herns, Joanne McMillian, Steve Martin, and Elizabeth White

Guests Present: Aaron Vandermeer, Jamie Litty, Chuck Miller (NC DOT), Frank West (NC DOT), and David Phipps (NC DOT).

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Ottis Murray. The agenda was approved as modified to allow a presentation from the guests from NC DOT to speak first. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Presentation from NC DOT
Chuck Miller, Frank West, and David Phipps representing NC DOT came to speak about concerns raised at the last meeting concerning student safety crossing Prospect Road and the speed limit on the road. Several possibilities were discussed for increasing student safety. Among the possibilities: raising the traffic island; installation of flashing lights on the crosswalk sign to increase visibility; installation of a speed table to slow traffic; enforce speed limit; educating students about crossing safety (at crosswalks, no headphones, no ear buds, no texting); increasing signage to warn vehicles of pedestrians. It will very hard to meet the criteria for a stoplight/red light; reducing speed limit on Prospect Road in the university area. NC DOT will be doing a 2 to 4 week count of students crossing in the area and the location of where students cross. The findings will be reported to this committee when completed.

Also discussed was the possibility of crossing from University Road to Food Lion. Sidewalks along 711 are part of the Pembroke Pedestrian plan. Sidewalks in that area will need to be on the University side of the road due to the need of curbs and gutters.

The crossing from the stadium to University was also discussed. DOT was also be examining that area.

The Smoking policy was discussed next. The smoking policy currently prohibits smoking within 100 feet of buildings or in designated areas. Steve Martin noted our policy is more stringent that most UNC systems school. Because of the 100 feet rule, there are a limited number of places to smoke. Jamie Litty noted that 100 foot rule was adopted because 25 feet did not a smoke free entrance or exit from buildings. Dr. Litty also noted that the Community Colleges are allowed to be tobacco free, but the same laws are not in effect for the University system. Smoking issue is viewed as a compliance issue. Employees and students need to be reminded of where they can legally smoke. Ottis Murray will talk to Sandy Briscar about having the map and policy as part of formal communication. Also Lori Carter will be contacted to include information as a staple to the E-announcements. Aaron Vandermeer will post information about the smoking policy on the Freshman Seminary instructors Blackboard site and encourage them to include that in their FRS course.
Reports from Administrators

a. Associate Vice Chancellor for Safety and Emergency Operations (Travis Bryant): His office has received new radar and camera equipment and the training and implementation of this equipment is being planned. He also commented that pedestrians not crossing at the proper locations can be fined $225.

b. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facility Management (Steve Martin): Taylor Track is closed except for classes for safety reasons. The track surface needs to be refurbished and resealed. The track will be totally closed later this to take place. The project is expected to take 120 days. The track should reopen in time for the track and field season.

c. Safety Officer, Environmental Health and Safety – None

d. Director, Facilities Operations (Larry Freeman): Looking at the placement of bike racks on campus. Policy needs to be developed on use of bikes, skateboards, golf carts and gators on campus as these travel both the roads and sidewalks in multiple directions which create hazardous situations for pedestrians as well as operators of these items.

Old Business:

a. Discussed smoking policy as mentioned above.

New Business:

a. No new business.

b. Next meeting is set for November 5, 2012 in UC 233.

Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by Robert Arndt