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Campus Safety and Emergency Operations

Re: Hurricane Ian

In the week leading up to the arrival of Hurricane Ian on the afternoon/evening of September 30th, there was much storm preparation completed on campus, daily storm track emails and WebEx meetings conducted by the National Weather Service in Wilmington, and multiple meetings of the Chancellor and EOC small group.

There were National Weather Service weather briefings emailed at around 8:00 AM and 6 PM daily and daily WebEx meetings at 9:30 and 6:30.

EOC/Chancellor meetings were held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons prior to the storm's arrival on campus and multiple email notifications were sent back and forth within the group.

Facilities performed the following actions:

- Surveyed camps for loose limbs in trees and clogged storm drains.
- Ensured that all loose items were secured and took down banners and wind screens across campus in preparation for the storm.
- Fuel tanks were topped off, vehicles fueled, and LP tanks filled.
- The retention pond near Pinchbeck was pumped down.
- Barricades were placed near flood prone areas.
- Checked all generators to ensure proper operation.
- Placed sandbags near flood prone doors for certain buildings (Chancellor's Residence).
- Readied water extraction equipment (Housekeeping).

Student Affairs:

- Notified students of the path of the storm and made them aware of what they needed for storm prep.
- Prepositioned staff and RA's to cover in each residential area during the storm.

Sodexo staff:

- Prepared for food preparation if the campus lost power.
- Positioned grills and LP tanks for use if required.



On September 30th, the storm intensified throughout the afternoon and into the evening. Effects on Campus were:

- There was minor flooding in the historically flood prone areas of campus, but this receded quickly on the following morning.
- The campus and town lost power around 11:00 PM and the power stayed off until 9:45 AM the next morning.
- Campus Police radios and Facilities radios were affected by the power outage, and it was discovered that the radio repeater equipment located at the water tower was not on an emergency outlet as was previously thought. Radio coverage was restored via an electrical cord plugged into the generator located at the water tower. This issue will be rectified by Facilities ASAP.
- Campus Police stationed their officers at the residence halls to cover and assist students and H&RL staff during the power outage.
- The campus network lost connectivity after the power outage and it was restored by DoIT the next morning. Campus Police lost their networking ability during this time due to a faulty power backup device in the BA building and used laptops and hotspots to maintain operations during this time.
- Campus Police, H&RL, and Facilities maintained staff on campus overnight.
- Essential staff came to campus on Saturday morning to perform damage assessments and begin the clean-up of campus.
- Damage to campus included minor water intrusions into buildings via wind driven rain through some windows and doors. These items were assessed and began to be addressed by Facilities on Saturday morning.

The campus resumed normal operations as of 1:00 PM on October 1st and all campus cleanup was completed prior to classes resuming on Monday, October 3rd.

End of report.
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