

Health, Safety, and Environment Subcommittee
Meeting Amended Agenda

September 12, 2022 at 3:30 PM

Location: WebEx

<https://uncp.webex.com/meet/gaye.acikdilli>

As per UNCP Faculty Handbook 2022-2023:

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 2021-2022:

Gaye Acikdilli (SBS)

Robert Arndt (Library)

Michael Bullard (Safety Officer for Environmental Health and Safety)

McDuffie Cummings, Jr. (Chief of Police)

Jocelyn A. Graham (Staff Council)

Andrew Latham (NSM)

Claudia Nickolson (EDUC)

Naomi Lifschitz-Grant (ARTS)

Natalie Love (LETT)

Amy Purser (CHS)

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of May 2, 2022 Meeting (Appendix A)

III. Approval of September 12, 2022 Agenda.

IV. Determine future meeting format as per Faculty Senate decision

V. Report from the Chair

- a. A problem concerning water filtration and refill stations was raised at the start of the semester. However, Mr. Bullard acted on and the drinking fountain filters were replaced.

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

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

VIII. Report from Jocelyn A. Graham, Staff Council

IX. Old Business

- a. Safety concerns on University Road
 - Speed limit increases from 35 to 45 Northbound on University Road, past Deese Road, and before the Student Health Center on the right side and University housing on the left. There are many pedestrians crossing this section of the road.
 - This road lacks designated crosswalks. For example, there is only one at the intersection of the road Faculty Row and the football field parking entrance. Once again, many students particularly athletes need to cross this section of the road.
 - University Road has a center lane that is should be used for turning into the several entrances to parking lots, but it is often used as a passing lane. This is also dangerous not only the pedestrians, but also for motorists.
- b. Update and expand the Hawk Walk Trail. Changes in the campus should allow for new paths. Furthermore, more trails and themes should be added (i.e., sports trail, nature trail). This will encourage people to do more outdoor activities.
- c. Install outdoor exercise stations and equipment with instructions. Outdoor exercise should be encouraged for all. Perhaps there are government funds to facilitate this initiative for the health of faculty, staff, and students.
- d. Develop bike trails on campus. There seems to be just one going the length of Prospect Road. There should be destinations as well as distance markers.
- e. Need for continuous sidewalks with marked crosswalks that go to the UNCP Entrepreneurship Hub, Food Lion, and off-campus student housing such as Pembroke Pointe apartments.
- f. People cross railroad tracks at locations other than properly marked crosswalks such as going to McDonald's. There should be a fence that people cannot jump over as well as clearly marked crossings.
- g. The intersection of Prospect and Third Street does not have marked pedestrian crosswalks and lights. People cross the street directly to KFC, Burger King, and Cook Out.
- h. There seem to be deficiencies concerning ADA compliances across campus. For example, insufficient signage, automatic doors, but some do not function properly, and difficulty in opening some restroom doors such as in the new Thomas School of Business building.
- i. Update on safety guidance and signage for tornadoes, flooding, and other emergencies.

X. New Business

- a. Covid Dashboard updates. There have been students this semester that stated as having Covid symptoms.
- b. Covid new variant vaccination plans
- c. Monkeypox guidance
- d. The electric bicycle by security officers has no lights. However, they are used at night.
- e. Other issues for discussion

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

Appendix A

Health, Safety, and Environmental Subcommittee Unapproved Meeting Minutes May 2, 2022 (3:33-4:26 PM)

Committee Members Present: Gaye Acikdilli (chair), Robert Arndt, McDuffie Cummings, Naomi Lifshitz-Grant, Madan Maharjan, Amy Purser, Mary Ann Jacobs

Committee Members Absent: Jocelyn Graham, Claudia Nickolson (secretary)

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.
- II. Approval of Minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting. *Approved without revision.*
- III. Approval of May 2 Agenda. *Approved without revision.*
- IV. Report from Chair:
 - a. *Dr. Acikdilli attended FIAC meeting on 4/19. A motion was made for improving the Hawk Trail, and installing exercise stations on campus. FIAC members concurred. Dr. Joe West conferred with Chancellor Cummings who directed him to the new CFO. Dr. West will keep our committee updated.*
 - b. *Concerns were also raised about confusing directions and need for consistency in traffic directions the entire length of road in front of Chancellor's house.*
- V. Report from McDuffie Cummings, Jr., Chief of Police:
 - a. *The digital signage for the roundabout are ready for installation and includes 32-in. screens at entrance that flash if a motorist is speeding. A permanent pole needs to be installed first and UCNP is working with DOT to complete the installation.*
- VI. Report from Michael Bullard, Safety Officer for Environmental Health and Safety:
 - a. *The ribbon cutting ceremony was a success for new business building. The UNC system has provided funding for demolition of Jacobs and Wellons halls; occupants of those buildings need to be relocated first. Demolition will probably not take place until end of this year.*
 - b. *Evacuation procedures signage for all buildings is close to completion; project has been approved by print shop and vendor has artwork.*
- VII. Report from Staff Council: *NA*
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. *Dr. Acikdilli has contacted DOT engineer for response to our recommendations related to bike trails, continuous sidewalks with marked crosswalks to nearby destinations and pedestrian safety for crossing RR tracks.*
 - b. *Concerns related to ADA compliance on campus should go directly and immediately to Mr. Bullard.*

- c. Sidewalk/pedestrian safety survey has taken place and problem areas have been identified. A contractor has been hired and projects should be completed this summer.*
- d. There are accessibility concerns related to the heavy doors in new business building. Mr. Bullard reports that the structure is still under warranty concerns need to go through the project manager for contractor to address.*
- e. Door opening sensors are not functioning adequately and campus signs for business building remain in place at old building, causing confusion for campus visitors.*
- f. Mr. Bullard clarified that handrails for 3 or less steps are not required by OSHA.*

IX. New Business:

- a. Mr. Bullard mentioned that they are waiting for approval to post the indoor safety guidance posters (fire, tornado, active shooter, etc.) in campus buildings. The approval had been denied in the past, but the posters are ready to go up when permission is granted. Link for the posters is below:
<https://www.uncp.edu/resources/finance-and-administration/departments/environmental-health-safety/uncp-emergency-procedure-poster>*
- b. More outdoor seating/eating areas are recommended for campus. A new outside eating area has been added outside of the dining facility in new business building.*
- c. Request for adding a link directly to CDC COVID guidelines on the dashboard as other UNC schools are doing. Because our numbers are so low the dashboard is only updated once a week. Dena Bolles manages the COVID dashboard.*
- d. Any requests or concerns about safety should be directed immediately to Mr. Bullard; any concerns related to parking lot repairs should be send to McDuffie Cummings immediately.*

X. Announcements: *Have a great and safe summer!*

XI. Meeting was adjourned at 3:59PM.