

**Health, Safety, and Environmental Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes September 12, 2022 (3:31-4:04 PM)**

Committee Members Present: Gaye Acikdilli (chair), Robert Arndt, Michael Bullard, Naomi Lifshitz-Grant, Amy Purser, Jocelyn Graham, Andrew Latham, Natalie Love, Claudia Nickolson (Secretary)

Committee Members Absent: McDuffie Cummings

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM.
- II. Approval of Minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting. *Approved without revision.*
- III. Approval of September 12 Agenda. *Approved with minor revisions.*
- IV. Motion was made and approved to continue to meet via Webex throughout the semester.
- V. Report from Chair:
 - a. *A problem concerning water filtration and refill stations at D.F. Lowery building brought to my attention. I contacted the Environmental, Health, and Safety Office and the filters were replaced.*
 - b. *Please note, similar issues should be raised directly with Mr. Bullard, Director of Environmental, Health, and Safety Office. Such concerns are better to take care right away rather than waiting for the next HSES meeting.*
- VI. Report from McDuffie Cummings, Jr., Chief of Police:
 - a. *Chief Cummings unable to attend.*
- VII. Report from Michael Bullard, Safety Officer for Environmental Health and Safety:
 - a. *School year off to a good start. Housing evacuation drills have taken place (two per semester: one within ten days of classes starting and the second will take place in November.*
 - b. *There is a new staff person in office.*
 - c. *Lots of initiatives and new evacuation maps are being installed in every building that are bigger and more detailed.*
- VIII. Report from Staff Council, Jocelyn Graham:
 - a. *Announcement for Homecoming. Tailgate event that is being planned. On October 24 from 11:00 AM until 2:00PM there will be a Chili Cookoff.*
- IX. Old Business:
 - a. *Safety concerns on University Road*
 - i. *New raised crosswalks will provide safer pedestrian crossing.*
 - ii. *Signs that display speed and messages are to be permanently installed.*
 - iii. *DOT has been contacted by Dr. Acikdilli with intent to invite a representative to our meeting, but no response has been received.*

- b. *Update and expand the Hawk Walk Trail. Our committee can redirect this issue to the Campus Recreation Director.*
- c. *Sidewalks along 711 are among future projects that are considered “long-range” meaning 3-5 years out.*
- d. *ADA compliance and accessibility concerns related to the heavy doors in the new Thomas School of Business building. Mr. Bullard reports that the structure is still under warranty concerns need to go through the project manager for contractor to address. Each door that is a concern needs to have an individual work order submitted.*
- e. *Update on safety and guidance signage. Previous restrictions on signage have been eliminated. The needed new signage has already been created and communication and marketing input is in progress specific to each hazard. 911 address will be included on signage. <https://www.uncp.edu/resources/finance-and-administration/departments/environmental-health-safety/uncp-emergency-procedure-poster>*

X. **New Business:**

- a. *The Covid Dashboard was discontinued throughout the NC University system. Information was not being pushed out at a local level. UNCP still tracks sick students. Students need a letter from Student Health Services if they are absent because of testing positive for Covid. Weekly Covid team meetings are no longer held on campus.*
- b. *Inquiries are going to be made about MonkeyPox precautions as well as follow up with updates on Covid variant reporting/testing/vaccination.*
- c. *The electric bicycle used by campus security officers are being used at night but do not have lights posing a danger on the street.*
- d. *Electric scooters are not allowed into any building on campus. Housing/residence life is working on getting the word out to students.*
- e. *Question about dorm closures was brought up. There are five buildings that needed repairs necessitating students being moved to alternate housing/dorms on campus temporarily.*

XI. **Announcements: Next meeting is October 3.**

XII. **Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM.**