

Health, Safety, and Environment Subcommittee

Meeting Agenda

October 3, 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 September 12, 2022 Meeting (Appendix A)

III. Approval of October 3, 2022 Agenda.

IV. 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.

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

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

VII. Report from Jocelyn A. Graham, Staff Council

VIII. 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.

IX. New Business

- a. Sustainably and recycling issues.
- b. Other issues for discussion.

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

Appendix A

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.