

**Health, Safety, and Environmental Subcommittee**  
**Meeting minutes November 7, 2022 (3:35-4:01 PM)**

*Committee Members Present:* Gaye Acikdilli (chair), Robert Arndt, Jocelyn Graham, Andrew Latham, Natalie Love, Claudia Nickolson (secretary), Amy Purser

*Committee Members Absent:* Michael Bullard, McDuffie Cummings, Naomi Lifshitz-Grant

- I. Call to Order  
*The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM.*
- II. Approval of Minutes of the October 3, 2022 meeting. *Approved without revision.*
- III. Approval of November 7 Agenda. *Approved without revision.*
- IV. Report from Chair:
  - a. *HSES Chair attended FIAC meeting and shared the report from our Oct. 3 meeting.*
- V. Report from McDuffie Cummings, Jr., Chief of Police:
  - a. *No report*
- VI. Report from Michael Bullard, Safety Officer for Environmental Health and Safety:
  - a. *No report*
- VII. Report from Staff Council:
  - a. *Ms. Graham was not able to attend the last staff council meeting; announcement that there will be a Faculty Staff Appreciation Event (dinner) on November 19.*
- VIII. Old Business:
  - a. *Signage for evacuation routes are being installed in buildings on campus; a "You Are Here" sticker or designation could be helpful although the signs are being installed near exits/stairwells.*
  - b. *Sustainability and recycling issues; some signage has been added to bins in business building. Committee would like clarification about what happens to recyclables once they are discarded. The committee seeks information from the person in charge of sustainability on campus. Proposed awareness campaign to improve recycling efforts.*
- IX. Awaiting Determination
  - a. *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.*
  - b. *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.*
  - c. *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.*

- d. *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.*
  - e. *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.*
  - f. *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.*
  - g. *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.*
- X. **New Business**
- a. *There is a sign pointing "one-way" traffic at the curve into the maintenance building parking and vehicle storage facility. However, there is no way out. No outlet sign can be replaced with it.*
  - b. *Thomas School of Business building has accessible stalls in the women's restroom on both floors. They do not have a container for sanitary disposal.*
  - c. *Replacing ornamental grass that is creating a safety concern; could be replaced by a low-growing shrub like a juniper plant. Grasses that are replaced could be transplanted to another location on campus rather than be discarded.*
  - d. *Other issues for discussion*

XI. **Announcements:**

- a. **Next meeting on February 6 at 3:30 pm.**

XII. **Adjournment at 4:01 pm.**