

University Safety & Environmental Committee

2/3/22 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Mr. Josh Edmonds – Director of Residential Life
Mr. Tony Nelson– Director, University Police
Dr. Chester Goad – Director, Student Affairs
Ms. Karen Lykins – Chief Communications Officer, Communications & Marketing
Dr. Sid Bundy – Assistant Professor, Accounting
Mr. Rob DeCheske – Director of Environmental Health & Safety
Dr. Aeris Gunnels – Instructor, Human Ecology
Dr. Joseph Asante – Associate Professor, Earth Sciences
Dr. Leann Taylor – Lecturer, Curriculum & Instruction, Committee Chair
Dr. Bruce Green – Director, Agriculture
Mr. Brent Carter – EHS Coordinator
Mr. Kevin Goodwin – Engineer, Manufacturing & Engineering Technology
Mr. Troy Dickens – Carpentry Supervisor, Facilities & Business Services
Mr. Mark Davis – Academic Support Associate 8, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Ms. Katherine Williams – Dean of Students
Ms. Claire Myers - SGA Representative
Ms. Katie Hall – SGA Representative
Mr. Chuck Roberts – AVP Facilities & Business Services
Ms. Shana Eads – Lead Accounting & Procurement Specialist, Facilities & Business Services, Committee Administrative Services

Not Attending:

Mr. Dale Ensor – College of Arts & Science
Mr. Kevin Vedder – AVP of Human Resources
Mr. Lee Hildebrand – Director, Appalachian Center for Craft
Dr. Francis Otuonye – AVP Research & Economic Development

1. Committee Chair, Leann Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.
2. Committee Chair, Leann Taylor perceived a quorum and ask for a motion to approve the agenda. Katherine Williams made the motion, Brent Carter seconded. Motion passed.
3. Committee Chair, Leann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/9/21 meeting. Motion was made by Katherine Williams and seconded by Chester Goad. Motion passed.
4. Old Business
 - a. No old business was brought before the committee

5. New Business
 - a. No new business was brought before the committee.
6. Campus Safety Briefing – Tony Nelson
 - a. Chief Tony Nelson informed the committee that reported crime on campus has been low. Only a few reports of minor crimes.
 - b. Security Assessment with THEC was completed in November. Homeland Security couldn't make the meeting but the University got a lot of good feedback due to the work Facilities did with updating lighting and locking mechanisms across campus.
 - c. Security Cameras have been added to Lab Science and Athletic Performance Center. It is University Police's goal to eventually have security cameras in all campus buildings.
7. Status of EHS Projects – Rob DeCheske
 - a. Emergency Operation Plan was sent to departments for comments and has now been sent to the President's Office for signature.
 - b. THEC reached out to the University about statewide drills. EHS has responded that the University would like to participate in an extreme weather drill. THEC will reach back out with a timeframe for that drill once response have been received from other Universities. Leadership has asked that a tornado drill be done and should take place within the next two to three weeks.
 - c. The University received a notice from TOSHA on Friday (1/28/22) about a complaint. EHS responded on Tuesday (2/1/22) and within four hours of response a notice was received that the complaint had been closed.
8. Such Other Matters
 - a. Rob DeCheske brought before the committee that he would like to start a Chemical and Lab Safety subcommittee. This item will be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting for a vote to be taken.
 - b. Chuck Roberts brought before the committee that THEC has reached out to Jim Cobb about special dedicated safety and security funding. Funding is estimated to be \$1.2 million. The current plan is to use this funding for projects such as the traffic circle in front of Bell Hall.
9. Committee Chair, Leann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Katherine Williams and seconded by Chester Goad. Motion passed.