

University Safety & Environmental Committee

9/29/21 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Mr. Josh Edmonds – Director of Residential Life
Mr. Kevin Vedder - AVP of Human Resources
Mr. Tony Nelson– Director, University Police
Mr. Edward Beason – Proxy for Dr. Chester Goad
Mr. Lee Hildebrand – Director, Appalachian Center for Craft
Mr. Dewayne Wright – Proxy for Ms. Karen Lykins
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
Dr. Francis Otuonye – AVP Research & Economic Development
Mr. Brent Carter – EHS Coordinator
Mr. Troy Dickens – Carpentry Supervisor, Facilities & Business Services
Mr. Mark Davis – Academic Support Associate 8, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Ms. Katherine Williams – Dean of Students
Mr. Jackson Lelle – SGA Proxy for Claire Myers
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
Dr. Sid Bundy – Assistant Professor, Accounting
Mr. Kevin Goodwin – Engineer, Manufacturing & Engineering Technology

1. Executive Officer, Chuck Roberts called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.
2. Introduction of Committee Members
3. Executive Officer, Chuck Roberts perceive a quorum and ask for a motion to convene the meeting. Leann Taylor made the motion, Brent Carter seconded. Motion passed.
4. Executive Officer, Chuck Roberts asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Leann Taylor and seconded by Katie Williams. Motion passed

5. Executive Officer, Chuck Roberts asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 3/30/21 meeting. Motion was made by Brent Carter and seconded by Josh Edmonds. Motion passed.
6. Opening Comments from Executive Officer
 - a. Welcome New Committee Members
 - b. Subsequent Meeting Dates: 11/9/21, 2/3/22, 3/10/22
7. Executive Officer, Chuck Roberts made a motion for Leann Taylor to be the Committee Chair. Motion was seconded by Katie Williams. Nomination passed.
8. Old Business
 - a. Bell Hall Crosswalk – Chuck Roberts informed the committee that he was working with the city to get a plan in place for the crosswalk between Bell Hall and the main quad. Ed Beason stated that any work that could be done would be great due and would really assist Tech’s visually impaired students.
 - b. Centennial Plaza Waterfall
 - c. Band Practice Field Relocation – Walking path, berms, and landscaping to be installed in phases from now through spring.
9. New Business
 - a. Edward Beason informed the committee that a handicap accessible lift has been installed in Pennebaker Hall, and a second lift is on order and will be installed in Lab Science. Per Katie Williams this is a pending SGA bill regarding handicap accessible lifts.
 - b. Katie Williams brought to the committee an SGA Bill regarding stairwell tread safety. Per Troy Dickens treads can be installed by Facilities Carpentry shop. He asked that Katie give him and Chuck Roberts a list of what buildings needed to be addressed.
 - c. Katie Williams also informed the committee about an SGA Bill regarding the Crosswalk on North Dixie Avenue.
 - d. Katie Williams lastly brought to the committee an SGA Bill regarding safety issues with the RUC fire pit. Jackson Lelle asked if this also included the fire pit at the Intermural Field to which Katie answered that the bill was only in relation to the RUC fire pit. Katie asked if a screen could be installed and still be aesthetically pleasing. Troy Dickens suggest we get some ornamental work done around the fire pit that would keep people out of the flames but still be attractive. Lee Hildebrand would like to be updated on this bill as well because he would like to install a fire pit at the Craft Center.
 - e. Dewayne Wright informed the committee that the policy against skateboards on campus will be lifted per Karen Lykins.
 - f. Chuck Roberts updated the committee on the pedestrian way road project. Final design review with campus leadership has taken place and now we are working with the city to see if they need to go any underground maintenance

while we have the lines exposed. Katie Williams asked how long the project will take. Per Chuck the project will take twelve to fifteen months.

- g. Jackson Lelle asked the committee what the construction in from of the Student Recreation Center was for. Chuck Roberts responded, letting the committee know the current construction is to install signage. Irrigation and landscaping will also be installed.

10. Campus Safety Briefing – Tony Nelson

- a. Crimes reported on campus is down with the majority being misdemeanors.
- b. Additional security cameras have been installed campus wide, over 400 currently, with new cameras being added when funds are available.
- c. With the policy against skateboards on campus being lifted, campus police are making campus community aware that skateboards and bikes must be used on the streets and obey all traffic laws. Bicyclist can receive traffic tickets the same as automobiles.
- d. New laws pertaining to carrying a handgun without a permit has no bearing on campus.

11. Status of EHS Projects – Brent Carter

- a. Fire log on line for Cleary Act
- b. Fire drills being done across campus
- c. Foster Hall

12. Such Other Matters

13. Chuck Roberts asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Leann Taylor and second by Katie Williams. Motion passed.