

Skyline College
Health, Safety, and Emergency Preparedness Committee
Minutes for
Thursday, December 02, 2021
12:45 – 2:05 pm

I. Call to Order

Joe Morello

- Attaining a quorum, meeting called to order by committee chair. Voting members in attendance included: Kevin Chak, Jim Vangele, Cherie Colin, John Doctor, Lucia Lachmayr, Golda Margate, Theresa Tentes, Russell Waldon, Will Minnich, Dino Nomicos, Lori Slicton, Kristen tuck, Ryan Samn, Jessica Silver Sharp, Kwame Thomas, and committee chairperson Joe Morello.
- Approval of agenda – motion approved.

II. Consent Agenda

Joe Morello

- Meeting minutes November 15: motion approved.

III. Standing Reports

a. Health Center

Donna Elliot

- None, Health Center representative unable to be present.

b. Facilities

John Doctor

- Facilities representative reported that B2 remains in review at State architects. Faculty and Staff housing at College Ridge remains on schedule to be completed mid-summer 2022. B1 renovation work was approved by State architects and work will commence during winter break. The construction team is meeting with faculty and staff this week to review project and schedule.
 - In response a question about to B1 elevator, work is currently underway and will be completed in the next 24 hours. Additionally, the state permitting agency is backlogged and an extension was issued which Facilities has on file. Furthermore, the elevators are checked quarterly by the elevator service company.

c. Public Safety

Jim Vangele

- Public Safety updated the committee that campus users will be notified as parking permits will be required again for Spring term. Even as parking permits may not be required until then, Public Safety continues to enforce parking violations such as red zone violations or accessible-parking violations. Future permits will be linked to license plates rather than a physical 'permit' that is mounted somewhere on the car. In response to a question, Brian Tupper confirmed that for Spring 2022 Faculty lots are not going away.

d. Emergency Preparedness

Ben'Zara Minkin

- Emergency preparedness postponed to next meeting to allow more time for COVID related deliberations and recommendations.

IV. COVID-19 Health, Safety, and Recovery

Ray Hernandez

- District Health Officer reviewed key metrics reported at the County level. The first, severity of disease, remains 'green,' i.e. stable and healthy. A second metric, vaccinations, the county will meet that criterion by the end of the year.
 1. He also observed that the news media has the ability to get everyone focused and energized about new developments. He cautioned that, at present, the Omicron variant is with us but we don't know a lot about it, although we do know that the WHO and the CDC have both designated it as a variant of concern.
 2. He emphasized that in light of then new variant vaccination remains a key strategy and that transmission is higher among the unvaccinated. The county has a high vaccination rate and it will continue to go higher. Also, the mask mandate remains in place.
- Presently, testing is available at the CSM campus Sunday through Thursday, see the website to schedule an appointment. Program specialists are also now on site. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Skyline person is available in Portable 3E. They will start by testing the employees that are required to be tested, beginning Monday.

V. Constituent Group Updates

a. Safety recommendations brought forward by AFT

AFSCME, AFT, CSEA, MC, Divisions

- Vote to pass #1. *The continued use of face-coverings indoors regardless of vaccination status, or changes in County guidelines.* A committee member further observed that face-coverings for some but not all is both unfair and impractical.
 - In discussion, several participants voiced support for continued requirement for face-coverings for additional personal protection but also to alleviate the potential for confusion.
 - Motion passes, for: 13; opposed: 0; abstentions: 1.
- Vote to pass #2. *Enhanced reporting of positive COVID cases and exposure notification system.*
 - In discussion, AFT representative Lori Slicton voiced support for improved reporting. She highlighted that overly summarized and delayed reporting creates uncertainty and makes it difficult for those potentially affected to take necessary precautions. District Health Officer responded that the District is meeting all legal requirements, in addition to complying with HIPAA guidelines. All cases that meet the definition for being reported and disclosed, are being reported and appropriately disclosed. The Committee was also assured that cases and possible exposures on campus are reported in a timely fashion once they are known but allowed that cases and exposures often take several days or longer to become known.
 - Motion passes, for: 15 ; opposed: 0; abstentions: 5.
- Vote to pass #3. *The possibility of continued social distancing.*
 - This continues a previous dialogue regarding the role of this committee with respect to items that may also be part of collective bargaining negotiations. The AFT representative, Jessica Silver Sharp, asserted that classroom occupancy is

an appropriate topic for this committee and support a reduction in class-room occupancy as a health and safety precaution related to COVID for spring 2022.

- Motion passes, for: 12; opposed: 0; abstentions: 6.
- Vote to pass #4. *Additional signage.*
 - In discussion, Public Safety observed that as a practical matter and from experience, highly detailed physical signage obsolesces rapidly and can be difficult to recall, replace, modify or update as situations evolve. Moreover physical signage tends to fade in the sunlight and also blend into the background for those who see the same signage every day. It was recommended to encourage campus community to use the website where the messaging can be rapidly and consistently updated and obsolete message promptly taken down.
 - Other committee members related that clear, concise signage does work and referenced other institutions are using signage which appears to be effective.
 - Motion passes, for: 8; opposed: 1; abstentions: 8.
- Vote to pass #5 – *District-wide health screening system.*
 - In discussion, it was clarified that other colleges ask members of the public who will be on campus for more than 15 minutes to check-in. This is where vaccination cards would be checked. Potential access constraints for unvaccinated individuals remained unspecified for this recommendation and/or would be determined subsequently.
 - Another participant expressed that different programs may interpret board policy differently and that a district wide health screening system could promote consistent application of board policy.
 - Motion passes, for: 9; opposed: 5; abstaining: 1.
- Vote to pass #7 – *More streamlined procedure for requesting ventilation and filtration devices for specific work areas.*
 - Motion passes, for: 12; opposed: 0; abstentions: 2.
- Vote to pass #6 – *More specific up-to-date information pertaining to ventilation and air filtration for indoor areas.*
 - Motion passes, for: 9; opposed: 0; abstentions: 5.
- Committee Chairperson responded to a question in the chat that the recommendations from this committee will be presented to the District Health Safety and Emergency preparedness committee on Monday, December 6, 2021.

VI. Future Agenda Items

a. Committee Membership and Charge

Joe Morello

- Deferred / postponed to future meeting due to lack of time.

b. Exercise Program

Marco Wehrfritz

- Deferred / postponed to future meeting due to lack of time.

VII. Adjournment

Joe Morello

- Committee chairperson thanked all for their participation, reviewed next proposed actions for the committee, and called for adjournment.