

Skyline College
Health, Safety, and Emergency Preparedness Committee
Minutes for
Thursday, May 05, 2022
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: Alice Erskine, Lucia Lachmayr, Justin Piergrossi, Jessica Silver Sharp, Lori Slicton, Kwame Thomas, Masao Suzuki, Donna Elliot, Mousa Ghanma, Kristen Tuck, Lori Lisowski, Tara Grover, Theresa Tentes, Sherrie Prasad, Golda Margate, Russell Waldon, Jim Vangele, Joe Morello, Kevin Chak, and John Doctor. Non-voting members present included: Vince Garcia, Ben’Zara Minkin, Ray Hernandez, Brian Tupper, Paul Cassidy, and Newin Orante.
- Approval of agenda – motion approved with one modification that permitted shifting the Vice President of Student Services Newin Orante to earlier in the agenda to accommodate limited availability.
- The committee chairperson reviewed the **Gathering Space Norms** adopted by the College Governance Council.

II. Consent Agenda

Joe Morello

- Meeting minutes for April 7th 2022: motion approved.

III. Standing Reports

a. Health Center

Donna Elliot

- Regarding Summer term, the Health Center is open only when classes are in session: from June 13th through Aug 5th. Personal counseling will be available Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 4:30pm. Nurses will be available 9:00am - 6:00pm, Monday through Thursday, and closed on holidays including Independence Day. In response to a question, Donna Elliot clarified that the nurses are working a four-day work week and are not available remotely on Fridays. Public Safety Captain Jim Vangele emphasized that if 9-1-1 is needed, please DO NOT call public safety first, **call 9-1-1 first**, and then call public safety.

b. Facilities

John Doctor

- John Doctor has reviewed the impact of planned and continuing Building 1 work with Dean Nicole Porter. Concrete for outside kiln, the choral area, and the new elevator will be poured in the coming weeks.
- Building 2 remains under review with the California Division of State Architects (DSA).
- College Ridge Faculty and Staff housing project continues to be on-schedule for completion in July, 2022.
- New exterior lighting has been installed at Building 19.

c. Public Safety

Jim Vangele

- Public Safety continues to distribute PPE and rapid COVID tests, including for users at both Athletics and SparkPoint. With respect to parking, situations wherein invited guests visit the campus, please email Jim conveying the license plate, vehicle description, and parking lot designation. This information will be sufficient to assure short-term parking authorization (less than one day).

d. Emergency Preparedness

Ben'Zara Minkin

- Flex-Day CPR-AED training held on campus was a success and included other first-aid training such as advanced bleeding control and tourniquets. Due to the popularity and usefulness, this training will be held at each of the three collegiate sites once per year (capped at 24 participants).
- A field operations guide (FOG) is also being developed that will demonstrate how to respond to various types of medical emergencies, such as seizures.
- Additionally, refreshed building captain training is also being planned, it will be mandatory for all building captains and will include new material not covered in previous training.

e. COVID 19 Update

Ray Hernandez

- While transmission of COVID-19 variants are increasing in the Bay Area, the CDC continues to rescind restrictions. The reason is that severe disease remains lower due to higher vaccination and booster rates (particularly in the Bay Area), and in addition to relatively wide immunity, as 60% of all Americans have already contracted COVID.
- One faculty member noted that case counts and infection rates remain relevant for educational institutions due to the high impact of absence for students and faculty.
- CDC, State, and County health officials recently revised the guidelines governing how to handle an exposure. For example, quarantine is no longer recommended for those exposed to the virus irrespective of vaccination status. Rather, the emphasis will be on surveillance testing at 3-5 days, monitoring of symptoms, and use of face-coverings. Cal/OSHA is also drafting proposed modification for June 2022.
- SMCCCD Board of Trustees is considering extended continuation of the mask-mandate, and this policy determination would include input from constituent groups.
- AFT Representative Lori Slicton observed that COVID infection information at the County level would not necessarily include those who may be testing at home. She also expressed concern that campus cases reported via the District website may not be rapid enough to permit a campus user to limit their potential exposure.
- SMCCCD COVID-19 Safety Officer Ray Hernandez asserted that case information was posted with 24 hours of the completion of contact tracing. He further clarified that the ratio of exposure reports to cases was not one-to-one, and that a single student attending four on-campus classes would be counted as four possible exposures.

IV. Constituent Group Updates

a. Student Testing Protocols Update (CSEA). *This item was moved forward in the agenda per Committee Chairperson at the outset of the meeting due to accommodate the limited availability of Vice President of Student Services Dr. Newin Orante.*

- Another Skyline College Committee, the College Governance Council discussed at its March 2022 meeting that a small number of (vaccination) exempted students have not complied with weekly COVID-19 testing requirements and are moving through a disciplinary process. The CSEA representative asked the Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Newin Orante, to update this committee.
- Dr. Orante explained that his office directly handles only student requests for religious exemptions (not medical exemptions); medical exemptions are processed confidentially via the SMCCCD COVID-19 Safety Officer. At the beginning of the semester, 56 students were designated with either a religious or medical exemption, and in a typical week approximately 9 need to be reminded per the students' agreement.
- When a student appears on this list of non-compliance, Dr. Orante's office notifies both the student and relevant faculty members, advising that the student may not return to campus and may not access in-person services on campus. To date, only three students were on administrative suspension because the students did not respond or engage in the process. If these situations are not resolved in a timely manner, the administrative suspension will cancel a student's current registration. Dr. Orante confirmed that, for confidentiality purposes, he does not know which of the exemptions are medical and which are religious.
- Dr. Orante described a weekly timeline for notification and follow-up with students that requires the students to complete testing requirements. Faculty are notified as it pertains to suspended students registered for in-person courses only. In response to a question from a committee member, Dr. Orante indicated that while notice is exchanged between faculty and a specific student, suspension lists are not distributed to campus service providers such as the bookstore or library.
- Committee member Lori Slicton highlighted that this is an example of the value of the mask mandate to mitigate an unpredictable number of situations wherein COVID transmission can occur. Dr. Orante confirmed that the three fully suspended students, whose registrations have been cancelled from all classes during Spring term, would not be able to simply re-register for Summer or Fall term. The students are required to complete a re-instatement process.

V. Action Items

a. Faculty / Staff Representative at District Safety Committee – AFT

- In considering a previously 'sun-shined' proposal, specifically a faculty recommendation advocating for the addition of representatives to the District Safety Meeting, motion passed unanimously, 16 votes affirming the recommendation, no opposing votes, and none abstaining.

b. HSEPC Bylaws

- In consideration of a previously 'sun-shined' proposal to adopt HSEPC, after motion to discuss, committee members Lori Lisowski and Jessica Silver Sharp proposed modifications to the language of the Skyline HSEPC Bylaws. Motion passes, 13 votes affirming, no opposing votes.

VI. Constituent Group Updates

a. Round Table – Summer Meeting

- *Skipped due to insufficient time.*

VII. Updates

Joe Morello

a. Exercise Program

- *Skipped due to insufficient time.*

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Joe Morello

- *Skipped due to insufficient time.*

IX. Adjournment

Joe Morello

- Having completed the action items on the agenda and being beyond the schedule time, the meeting was adjourned.