



SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Via Zoom

Regular Meeting: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Approved

Members and Resource Staff present: Lorraine Barrales-Ramirez, Tony Burrola, Lucas Cantin, John Cuevas, Al Elzey, Casey Fortier, Ray Hernandez, Michael Hoffman, Bettina Lee, Kim Lopez, Karen Pinkham, Ludmila Prisecar, Megan Rodriguez-Antone, Brian Tupper.

Members and Resource Staff absent: Vince Garcia, Yesenia Haro, Max Hartman, Jamie Hui, Eshton Liu, Ben’Zara Minkin, Michele Rudovsky, Nathan Staples, Diana Tedone-Goldstone.

Guests and others present: Wissem Bennani, Paul Gaskins, Carlos Luna, Tessa Noriega, Peter Tam, Marie Varelas.

AGENDA ITEM	CONTENT
<p>1. Review and Approve Agenda</p>	<p>ACTION: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lucas Cantin and seconded by Casey Fortier. Motion passed.</p>
<p>2. Review and Approve April 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>ACTION: The minutes were not prepared in time for the meeting. Linda Bertellotti will post them to the website for review, and the committee can approve them in August.</p>
<p>3. Reports and Updates</p>	<p>Public Safety: Al Elzey did not have any updates to report.</p> <p>Facilities: Karen reported that the Facilities team is preparing for Commencement, running safety checks of staging and other vendor setups. They are also repairing divots in the grass area where the stage and seating will be.</p> <p>Emergency Preparedness Office: There was no update to report.</p> <p>Recovery and Safety Update: COVID-19 Health Officer Ray Hernandez reported the following:</p> <p><u>COVID-19:</u> Currently, there is a surge with the latest variant, but Ray thinks things are peaking and seem to be dropping. The highest levels of tracings were during the week of May 9. Tracing is still being done, and Ray continues to work with the county, although he thinks over the summer there will be a shift in how tracing is done. He is not sure what the transition will be like, but there will be an announcement when those changes are available. COVID positive and hospitalization rates are low, so severe disease remains low.</p> <p>In looking at the cycle of COVID compared to the flu, the flu is one season, but with COVID, there may be more than one cycle since that has been evident with the different variants. Last winter’s surge was the largest so far. Many people are using home antigen tests and not PCR tests.</p>

	<p><u>Masking and Exposure Decision Tree:</u> The nine Bay Area counties are recommending that people wear masks during this current surge and the SMCCCD continues to require masks. The chancellor sent an email on May 16 regarding the district’s masking policies that included a survey link so people could provide feedback by May 23. There is an updated exposure decision tree video on the district website, and the major changes and updates are marked in red. Ray reviewed the changes and noted that there is less differentiation between vaccinated and unvaccinated people or if people had boosters or not, and the exposure guidelines are the same.</p> <p><u>Testing:</u> Many people are using home antigen tests and not PCR tests. Ray cautioned that antigen tests have a higher threshold of viral load, so the onset of COVID is not likely to be picked up with antigen tests. If the antigen test is negative, but symptoms persist, people are urged to follow up with a PCR test.</p> <p>The district will continue to provide home antigen test kits. COVID Clinics are continuing to provide PCR tests at all three campuses. The county has a public COVID-19 testing/treatment site at the CSM campus. If someone tests positive, they will provide anti-viral therapy on the spot.</p> <p>Ray is receiving feedback that some of the information that is being requested for campus PCR testing is posing barriers for our undocumented and highest-risk students. He will be discussing those requests to see if they are necessary in order to test.</p> <p>He explained that when PCR tests became available, people did not have to provide insurance because the federal government was subsidizing PCR tests. Companies were less concerned about reimbursement because they knew they would ultimately get reimbursed by the federal government. As of April, however, the government is no longer subsidizing, and companies that provide testing, including the county and COVID Clinics, are now asking for background information. For some students who are at high-risk or do not have insurance, it creates a barrier. Ray is going to share feedback he has received with the testing companies and ask them to minimize those barriers.</p> <p><u>Other Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucas Cantin asked about monkeypox. Ray said they are starting to see a presence of monkeypox in certain populations. He said it is not pervasive as this point. Lucas said it is spreading in Europe and is expected to become more prevalent in the US. He said it is similar to smallpox but not as serious. <p>Human Resources Office: No update was reported.</p>
<p>4. SMCCCD Survey on Changes to Indoor Masking Operating Procedures – Link to the Survey https://smccdsurvey.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Fo8TlifEHZSQbc</p>	<p>As mentioned in Ray Hernandez’s report, the Chancellor sent an email on May 16 encouraging all staff to respond to a survey on the district’s masking policies. Ludmila Prisecar encouraged people to take the brief survey, since it will help provide feedback to the Board of Trustees as it discusses the mask mandate at its May 25 meeting.</p>
<p>5. Proposed Fall 2022 Meeting Schedule</p>	<p>The following meeting dates for the fall 2022 semester are proposed. Meetings would be held from 2:30-4:00 p.m. on the following dates:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 18 Thursday, September 29</p>

	<p>Thursday, October 20 Thursday, November 17 Thursday, December 15</p> <p>Discussion: As of now, meetings will continue on Zoom, and Linda Bertellotti will send the links.</p> <p>ACTION: A motion to approve the proposed fall 2022 meeting schedule was made by Lucas Cantin and seconded by Casey Fortier. Motion passed.</p>
<p>6. The Use of ‘Home-Made’ Lab Kits for DE without Liability Waivers</p>	<p>Lucas Cantin reported that during the pandemic, there had been a lot of demand for chemistry lab kits that students could use at home. As a result, the kits became scarce, so in response to the shortage, Casey Fortier and Roslind Young created their own lab kits. Casey said some of the chemicals are safe and are things that can be purchased in hardware stores or pharmacies. Other chemicals that went into kits for the higher tier courses are more of a concern, and there was no way to oversee their proper use while students work from home.</p> <p>After discussion, Casey, Roslind, and Lucas Cantin have concerns around safety and would like to see a policy around this, as well as liability waivers. Ludmila forwarded the concern to Dean Ameer Thompson, and she will check with the other campuses over the summer to see what they are doing. She will also check with Roxanne Brewer in the district office, who can contact the district’s insurance agent to get more information on the liability.</p> <p>Ludmila will report back at the next meeting. This topic will remain on the agenda while it is still an open discussion item.</p>
<p>7. Safety Training; Here are the Trainings we have Never Heard About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Blood Borne Pathogen b. Fume Hood c. Dealing with Student Mental Health Issues 	<p>Lucas Cantin would like more information provided on the following safety trainings since it was not provided previously, and these items have not been addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Borne Pathogen Safety Training</u>: Lucas said it is a serious issue with any class where there could be broken glass and someone getting cut, such as in a chemistry lab. Safety training is done at some community colleges, including Cabrillo, and it should be done at all colleges. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Karen Pinkham said the Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Prevention Training is in the Safe Colleges Library. 2. <u>Fume Hood Safety Training</u>: Lucas said fume hood safety training is done at other California community colleges, and he said it is important that it be done here. 3. <u>Dealing with Student Mental Health Issues</u>: Cabrillo College also has student mental health training, and Lucas suggested that we model that training. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ludmila said Dean Max Hartman is leading the training on addressing mental health issues at Cañada. His team is working on trainings for faculty and staff, and they should be ready by fall. Ludmila said the process is to contact the VPSS with any concerns, and he will connect the student with the Dean of Enrollment Services and Support Programs. b. Bettina Lee said the Personal Counseling Center (PCC) is working with Community Connections to provide training for everyone. The tentative date is June 22. The PCC is available throughout the summer. Lorraine also mentioned that the CARES Committee meets on a regular basis during the semester, although Bettina said they meet as needed during the summer to

	<p>address any reports. Any student behavior concerns can also be reported on the CARES website. Their meeting schedule is also included: https://canadacollege.edu/cares/form.php</p> <p>c. Casey asked about the procedure for helping a student who is experiencing a crisis while on campus. Bettina said to contact Public Safety first at 650-738-7000 and Public Safety will notify the Personal Counseling Center (PCC).</p> <p><u>Training for Students:</u> Casey also suggested that, since we are working with an agency to purchase these trainings, we can look into some standardized trainings that could be available for students who might potentially be in hazardous situations on campus.</p> <p>These items will remain on the agenda for future discussion.</p>
8. Chemical Hygiene Plan	<p>Lucas said it is unclear where people can view the Chemical Hygiene Plan, and it should be readily available for everyone to view. He feels this should be a priority. Ludmila will do some research to find out where the Chemical Hygiene Plan is. This topic will be brought back for discussion at the next meeting.</p>
9. August 18, 2022, Preliminary Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports and Updates • Safety Committee Purpose, Membership, and Bylaws • Distance Ed Liability Waiver • Safety Training • Chemical Hygiene Plan • Membership on the District-Wide Safety Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ludmila said the next district-wide Safety Committee meeting is on June 12 or 13. The topic will be presented, and there will be a report back to our Safety Committee at the August meeting. <p>Please email any additional topics to Ludmila Prisecar.</p>
10. Round Table	<p>Tessa Noriega had a comment regarding the survey that Chancellor Claire sent. The second question read: <i>When the indoor mask requirement is removed (i.e. low to medium transmission), do you plan to continue to wear a mask when indoors on campus or in a District facility?</i></p> <p>Response #1: Yes, but only when transmission is medium and indoor mask is optional Response #2: Yes, when transmission is low or medium and indoor mask is strongly recommended. Response #3: No.</p> <p>Tessa found that Response #1 was confusing and was questioning why the words “but only” were used. Others also found it confusing. Ludmila will send the concern to the District Office.</p>
11. Next Meeting	<p>The next Safety Committee Meeting will be held on August 18, 2022 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm.</p>
12. ADJOURNMENT	<p>ACTION: A motion to adjourn the Safety Committee Meeting was made by Lucas Cantin and seconded by Casey Fortier. Motion passed.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.</p>

