

University Safety & Environmental Committee

3/17/22 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Mr. Kevin Vedder - AVP of Human Resources
Mr. Tony Nelson- Director, University Police
Dr. Chester Goad - Director, Student Affairs
Mr. Lee Hildebrand - Director, Appalachian Center for Craft
Mr. Rob DeCheske - Director of Environmental Health & Safety
Dr. Leann Taylor - Lecturer, Curriculum & Instruction, Committee Chair
Jennifer Taylor -
Mr. Troy Dickens - Carpentry Supervisor, Facilities & Business Services
Mr. Mark Davis - Academic Support Associate 8, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Susan Henry - Proxy for Ms. Katherine Williams - Dean of Students
Mr. Chuck Roberts - AVP Facilities & Business Services
Ms. Shana Eads - Lead Accounting & Procurement Specialist, Facilities & Business Services, Committee Administrative Services

Not Attending:

Mr. Josh Edmonds - Director of Residential Life
Mr. Dale Ensor - College of Arts & Science
Ms. Karen Lykins - Chief Communications Officer, Communications & Marketing
Dr. Sid Bundy - Assistant Professor, Accounting
Dr. Aeric Gunnels - Instructor, Human Ecology
Dr. Joseph Asante - Associate Professor, Earth Sciences
Dr. Bruce Green - Director, Agriculture
Mr. Brent Carter - EHS Coordinator
Mr. Kevin Goodwin - Engineer, Manufacturing & Engineering Technology
Ms. Claire Myers - SGA Representative
Ms. Katie Hall - SGA Representative

1. Committee Chair, Leann Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.
2. Committee Chair, Leann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/3/22 meeting. Motion was made by Chester Goad and seconded by Harold Hildebrand. Motion passed.
3. Old Business
 - a. Rob DeCheske has created a Chemical and Lab Safety work group and will keep this committee updated on its findings.

4. Campus Safety Briefing – Tony Nelson
 - a. Per TBI report, only 76 crimes were reported on campus during 2021. This is the lowest reported crime rate TTU has seen.

5. Status of EHS Projects – Rob DeCheske
 - a. Emergency Operation Plan is with the President's Office awaiting signature.
 - b. A tornado drill was performed on campus on 2/21/22. According to reports from Rob DeCheske, Faculty and Staff participation was subpar. EHS will be doing more drills in the future and will be working with University Policy on emergency preparedness drills and discussing with Human Resources avenues for accountability for annual compliance and safety training.
 - c. The University received a notice from TOSHA on 2/22/22 about a complaint at Henderson Hall. EHS responded and the complaint had been closed.
 - d. The University received a second notice from TOSHA on 3/9/22 about a complaint at Pennebaker Hall. EHS responded and this complaint has been closed as well.

6. Committee Chair, Leann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Rob DeCheske.