MEMORANDUM

Date: December 7, 2021

To: CAMPUS HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Brian Ceccon, Intercollegiate Athletics
Robert Mallow, Teamsters
Holly Hunt, Accessibility Resource Center
Cindy Leonard, Agricultural Teaching & Research Center
Elaina McReynolds, Academic Professionals of California
Marvin Pratt, Director of Environmental Health and Safety
Christopher Nicodemus, University Police
Nereyda Rivera, Union of American Physicians and Dentists
Kat Johns, CSUEU
Curtis Sicheneder, Associated Students
Timothy Sistrunk, California Faculty Association
Randy Southall, Facilities, Management and Services
Jody Strong, Worker’s Compensation
Eddie Vela, Academic Deans

From: Eddie Vela, Vice-Chair

Subject: Campus Health and Safety Committee Meeting

Present: Marvin Pratt, David Bird, Eddie Vela, Timothy Sistrunk, Randy Southall, Curtis Sicheneder, Brian Ceccon

Absent: Jody Strong, Elaina McReynolds, Kat Johns, Heather Long, Nereyda Rivera, Holly Hunt, Robert Mallow, Cindy Leonard

II. Approval of Agenda

It was the consensus of the Committee to approve the agenda of December 7, 2021.

III. Approval of Minutes

It was the consensus of the Committee to approve the minutes of September 10, 2021 as submitted.
IV. **Review of Accidents**

Mr. Marvin Pratt presented to the Committee members a summary of reported accidents/injuries from July - September 2021. The summary represented injuries by department; type of accident; first aid; medical; or informational only. The type of injuries reported: knee injury while walking, possible allergic reaction, falls, metal sliver in hand and repetitive motion injury.

Mr. Pratt said the trend continues for fewer reported accidents. Slips, trips and falls are normally our top reported accidents. Mr. Pratt reviewed some of the accidents listed on the quarterly report.

Dr. Eddie Vela asked if any of the accidents trigger corrective actions. Mr. Pratt reported that with slips, trips and falls it can be dependent on shoes, or looking at phones while walking. Mr. Pratt said that EHS requested that facilities increase the length of the walk off mats in our buildings to decrease the number of slips, trips and falls.

Dr. Timothy Sistrunk questioned the accident regarding an Associate Professor’s knee giving out. Dr. Sistrunk asked if this was a trend for people who might not do a lot of walking or stair climbing. Mr. Pratt explained that this Associate Professor normally uses a walking device. He does not see it as a trend.

V. **Review of Building Inspections**

Mr. Pratt presented to the Committee members a report on building inspections and surveys from July - September 2021. The report covered the FMS yard, Trinity Hall and Holt Hall.

Findings included non-empty containers of paint left out with lids off, low overhead area needs signage and warning stickers, lights without covers, bottles of chemicals are not GHS compliant, permanent use of extension cord and daisy chaining. Other findings included fire extinguishers not being checked monthly, missing asbestos sign and improper disposal of e-waste.

Mr. Pratt reported that the State Fire Marshall has inspected seventeen of our buildings in 2021. This has resulted in several hundred corrective items either by the occupants or with facilities or housing. The State Fire Marshall was not on campus much this past quarter for inspections. The State Fire Marshall will inspect University Village next week.

Dr. Vela questioned the improper disposal of CFL lamps and e-waste. Mr. Pratt reported that there were new employees who didn’t realize they couldn’t throw CFL lamps in the garbage. Mr. Pratt reported that the findings are not alarming. He is trying to send out reminders to managers on a regular basis to keep on top of things.
VI. NEW BUSINESS:

   a. Moonlight Safety Walk

The Moonlight Safety Walk was originally started about seventeen years ago as part of the Public Safety Committee. Associated Students also did a Nighttime Safety Walk. The Moonlight Safety Walk has become a hybrid of these two walks. It involves the faculty, staff, students, the City of Chico and the Associated Students officers. On these walks, physical and public safety concerns are found. Mr. Pratt wanted to update the committee that this walk is being organized again for February 23, 2022. During the walk we are looking for safety concerns in a dark setting. Then we break into teams and are assigned to a manageable area to walk, make notes and suggestions. These suggestions are passed onto Randy Southall.

Dr. Vela questioned if the walk is focused on uneven sidewalks and physical safety issues or if it is focused on potential muggings or robberies. Mr. Pratt replied that the emphasis of the walk when it began was on personal safety. The walk is to educate people to use the primary lighted walking paths. Two groups that help make this walk successful are the Greek organizations and the other is the Criminal Justice and Social Work faculty members. Sometimes they give extra credit to students to participate in the walk.

Dr. Curtis Sicheneder recommended trimming hedges on campus.

Mr. Pratt reported that this would be a good time to check the blue light phones. The blue light phones are tested on a monthly basis anyway by the CSO’s. This gets the walking group engaged in the activity. UPD would need to bring on an additional dispatcher to support this.

Dr. Vela asked what should the concerns of the Campus Health and Safety Committee be with the Moonlight Walk. Mr. Pratt reported that our committee should be most concerned with the physical hazards on campus. The campus looks different at night. Sometimes it is noticed that light timers are not set correctly.

Dr. Sistrunk brought up concerns regarding Holt Hall evening classes. Some people were being locked out of the rooms. Mr. Pratt knows that classes end at 10:00 pm but the doors lock earlier. Sergeant David Bird reported that the campus connection shuttle runs seven days a week from 6:00 pm to midnight. During finals, the shuttle runs until 2:00 am. Mr. Pratt suggested that faculty remind students about the door lock schedule in the evenings.

Sergeant Bird recommended getting faculty and students involved along with police officers to get different perspectives about issues that need to be addressed.
VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **Proper Disposal of Surplus Items**

EHS sent an email to the department Administrative Support Coordinators on campus with instructions for proper disposal of surplus items. A work order needs to be submitted to facilities. The item needs to be kept in the office until picked up, not stored in a hallway.

b. **COVID Update**

Mr. Pratt said the COVID numbers have been in the normal range of what they expected to see. There has been only one worker to worker suspected transmission of COVID. In the residence halls there have been roommates in a room that have both tested positive for COVID. There has been only one COVID transmission that OSHA would consider an outbreak. OSHA defines an outbreak as three cases in fourteen consecutive days. Only having one outbreak the whole semester was a good indicator that we are doing very well. The Pandemic Management Team continues to watch the CDC announcements on the Omicron variant. Omicron is very contagious but the symptoms are milder in vaccinated people. Mr. Pratt reminded us to continue wearing our face coverings. We are likely going to continue wearing our face coverings into the next semester.

Mr. Pratt reported that in our residence halls where 1800 students live, approximately thirty are unvaccinated. The unvaccinated students are tested weekly.

Dr. Vela reported the faculty is finding that the enrollment for in-person classes are not as high as the online classes. There may be a greater demand for virtual learning in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.