



**Facilities and Health and Safety Committee**

**AGENDA**

Friday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

12:30 – 1:30pm

Location: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/91874648244>

**Membership:**

**Membership (X=Present); (A=Absent); (E=Excused)**

Administrator		Classified		Faculty		Student	
Sean Brooks	X	Michael Alvillar	X	Joshua Boatright		Sergio Mazariegos	X
Brenda Johnson	X	Scott Barringer	X	Charlotte Lee	X		
John Nguyen	X	Bobby Birks	X	Thomas Kies	X		
		Johnny Dong	X	Randy Yang	X		
		Natalia Fedorova	X				
		Vincent Koo	X				
		Joanna Louie	X				
		Jasmine Martinez	X				
		Roger Toliver					

**I. Standing Items**

- a.** Call to Order – 12:31PM
- b.** Approval of the Agenda
  - i. Sean Brooks moves to approve the agenda.
  - ii. Joanna Louie seconds.
  - iii. Discussion –
  - iv. 9-0-0
- c.** Approval of 5/14/21 Minutes
  - i. Michael Alvillar moves to approve the Minutes.
  - ii. Brenda Johnson seconds.
  - iii. Discussion
  - iv. 11-0-0
- d.** Approval of 9/10/21 Minutes

- I. Sergio moves to approve the Minutes.
- II. Brenda Johnson seconds.
- III. Discussion
- IV. 14-0-0

## II. Confirmation of Membership

- a. It was noted that there are too many classified professionals on this particular committee. Per the Participatory Governance Manual the Facilities, Health and Safety Committee should only have a total of two Classified members. Currently there are nine Classified members on this committee.
- b. John – we should ask the Classified Senate to decide who should be on the committee
- c. Brenda reminded the members that we combined committees and there should be allowance for more Classified members.
- d. It was recommended that seven Classified members should serve on the committee and that the item should go before the College Roundtable for discussion.
- e. Scott recommended that we take a look at the composition before the combination.
- f. Thomas Kies noted that people have specialized skills and should be a part of the committee. In addition in consultation with Matt Freeman the Faculty Senate would like more input in regards to the new building as it should be a Shared Governance process.
- g. John agreed that the co-chairs should take this item to the Roundtable.

## III. Return to Campus

- a. There was a Town Hall meeting yesterday in regards to the return to campus. Sean Brooks provided an overview of the meeting of which 105 members of the BCC community in attendance. During the Town Hall there was also discussion on the use of HEERF and what has been allocated to BCC.
- b. Natalia- raised questions about the submission of student vaccination cards and the protocol if a class or staff member is exposed to COVID. She also raised questions as to the privacy of people who are not vaccinated. What is the protocol for vaccinated and unvaccinated people? And people might have antibody for tourism say vaccinated and they may they may see they yes it's the basic and they now they develop the antibodies nature, we don't really focus on the stage approach from the whole from the whole the for the particles from a totally different approach, and this is why we might run into some and Plus we refuse to test only oxygenated, and this is not possible recommended.
- c. Sean - So you're referring to students, yes, you are correct that the weekly test will be for those who are vaccinated who meet those requirements in terms of what happens if there's an outbreak or someone is exposed obviously you know it's. You know they're encouraging self-reporting, there are requirements for wants to make that available there's a daily screening as you're aware of with. If you're not vaccinate it's a different protocol if you want to put those detail quest questions in the email to me I'll follow up on our return to campus meetings that we have on Wednesday, I believe I characterize it correctly, but I just want to double check what I just told you.

- d. Sean - This is a fluid process and when this question came up, I will say well over three to four weeks ago if someone is exposed, and I know there are exposed, then you are encouraged to because it takes a while, for you know. A virus to matriculate or you know form you're encouraged to get tested, you know, three days after exposure and then after you have a negative covert test result, then you can return three days after so essentially you know it's a six to seven days.
- e. Charlotte - This is a really important point about the testing and so forth. And thank you Sean yesterday, also for leading a really great town hall, and I appreciate it have that it was a very. The conversation was very collegial and friendly, and so one thing that might be helpful, would be in the since we're now health and safety. Also provide some information about health care coverage like how much tests would cost.
- f. Sergio - What are the standards for students that aren't vaccinated that have to get tested weekly like what do they show to prove that they've been tested? Students would have to rely on their health care coverage to get that test.
- g. Sean - We are going to implement weekly testing here at the Berkeley city college and so that data has been identified for now as Mondays so you can do it through your private coverage, or you can do it here on campus.
- h. Sergio - I'm sorry, so if a student wasn't available on Monday and they don't have good health care coverage, but they miss a week of school.
- i. Sean - You could go to one of the other campuses so we have four campuses and so the testing days are Mondays at bcc. And then Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays at one of the other campuses so they can always go to another campus to get tested.
- j. Natalia - I was wondering if you can talk to Berkeley and ask them support of this testing they have their own for testing daily and moved outside sitting coworker, and if you at least in the past, if you don't have insurance that you'd be able to test it for free.
- k. Scott - My thought might be to look at using HEERF funds for that are not designated right now that we do have a little bit more that we can spend to either. Increase our testing days of testing or potentially to get a stock of the rapid tests that you can essentially self-administer or something like that that can be you know given to students or whatever to just offset that cost.
- l. Michael - What about those of us who are high risk and those who are immunocompromised how are you going to protect those folks from people who have the exemption and possibly bring in the virus with them?
- m. So while we're on campus everyone is required, unless you're in your own private office or private location, without anyone around to wear a mask so you would still want to continue to wear your mask.
- n. Scott - I think, also to kind of go to this it's also important for everybody to also just know what your vulnerabilities are speak with your healthcare professionals to find out what you need to personally do as much as possible to protect yourself.
- o. Sergio - It's been recommended that I don't go to large public spaces, so I was kind of wondering about large classes, you know, like a lot of these transfer prerequisite, you know, like economics, that you have you can have 30 or 40 people in the class. How are we going to safely practice social distancing and how are we going to do that?

- p. Sean - We will have a student town next week I think next Friday. 27:05 You know, have a social justice requirement but, that being said, you know I would encourage everyone to use common sense and you know.
- q. Charlotte- Maybe this is a communication issue that could be brought up at the student town hall. Maybe Johnny Dong could make a statement about how room scheduling is being done and how room-size is a consideration when it comes to scheduling. Thinking about what room will match, to which class depending on the size caps for that class just as a way to show that there's there is this effort being made to provide some physical space if possible for students.
- r. Sergio - I guess it's like a worst case scenario type of question, but what happens if we get resistance from students? You know, someone doesn't want to wear a mask or won't cover their nose. What's the plan and maybe that's not our territory, but we have something is that discussion taking place.
- s. Sean Brooks- That was asked yesterday at the town hall, as well as been asked throughout the week and so faculty or advice to you know ask someone to comply, and if they're not that they don't comply then. I think there is proper disciplinary action that would take place if someone refuses to wear the mask appropriately.
- t. Sergio - Whether it be like a scenario where they cancel a class if someone just like refuses to leave or something like that.
- u. Sean - I Don't foresee getting to that point, I think we would casually escort that person out the classroom if they're not compliant.
- v. Charlotte - I just saw recently that in the PFT contracts or, at least for faculty they do have the right to cancel the class if they feel that the classroom conditions are unsafe.
- w. Sean -Right now I think 10% of our classes are face to face roughly mostly labs and other class. Everyone has been compliant with the requirements.
- x. Sergio - I think we're fortunate that we're in Berkeley but I'm also wondering, as far as students, do we have the right to say I don't feel safe in this classroom?
- y. Sean - know I I would, I have to follow up with you on that question because I don't know what to the student guidebook or handbook or what the requirements are in terms of attendance real scenarios.
- z. Natalia - Students that I would say, they're in agreement with our policies and stuff but when they're presented with some sort of conflict it just immediately starts getting at a very high escalation. Any minor disagreement seems to just become a big deal. But I do think it's there should be something written down like some clear guidelines somewhere.
- aa. John - I'm really glad you said that because, like you said, we do have the student town hall next week, and all of these questions and concerns and suggestions and comments will be discussed. I actually wanted to just commend Vice President Sean Brooks for really answering all of these questions, I'm really appreciative of you as a colleague that you're really handling this and making sure that we're as safe as possible. That being said, our next meeting will be on November 12 if you do have any agenda items that you would like for me to include on the agenda please be sure to email me those agenda items. I typically send out emails asking for agenda items, a few weeks.

IV. Adjourn: 1:20PM