

Rio Hondo Community College  
Safety Committee Minutes  
Friday, Sept 10, 2021 - 10am Zoom

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**Members Present:** Mario Gaspar, Brian Brutlag, Connie Gutierrez, Sandra Hernandez, Sondra Moe, Mark Yakoyama, Denna Sanchez Charlene Nakama

**Call to Order:** Mario called meeting at 10am

**Approval of the Minutes:** – April 23, 2021

**Committee Update:** Brian commented more faculty on campus that it was an option for them semester. If faculty felt safe teaching a few classes face to face or work remote that was their choice. Everyone is still preparing for spring to be fully back on campus. On the vaccine mandates, faculty would feel safer if vaccine were promoted/mandated for everyone on campus.

**I. Facilities Report**

- Ionization in buildings: Project is being done in house by Facilities staff. Buildings already done Science Building, Administration, Technology and AJ
- Dispensers: 78 automatic towel dispenses have been installed though out campus restrooms. We will continue to keep installing campus wide.
- Plexiglass: Protective glass is installed on almost all areas, but continue with project to fully install campus wide.
  - Sandra confirm protective shield are in place
  - Connie asked if there was Ionization in the library at LRC.
  - Mario stated, no there is not.
  - Connie questioned the rationale behind that, that those are areas where we've got students coming in all the time classified staff is expected to be working there.
  - There was a review of the most occupied and more frequented buildings, like the Science Building, Administration and Technology; since then more areas are opening up now. There have been some delays due to lack of equipment preventing us from moving to other areas. Our staff is doing a great job, the process is complex they are crawling into tight spaces, climbing ceilings.
  - Sandra asked if other areas have MERF13 filters.
  - Mario answered, yes, that is a requirement to change all filters to MER13's. in addition, we wanted to go the extra mile with installing Ionization campus wide.
  - Connie thank Sandra for bringing up the filter topic.

**I. Co-Chair's Report**

Brian stated more faculty on campus on a voluntary bases since it was an option for this semester. Everyone is still preparing for spring return.  
Brain brought up the fact faculty would feel safer if vaccine mandates be promoted for anybody on campus. Brian stated faculty is still making the

transition back but others wanted to remote teach after beginning face to face teaching. The request was brought up to higher powers, they said no they could not do that because they had already agreed to teach in person

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## II. ASRHC Report

n/a

## III. Unfinished Business

- WiFi is in place at Parking LotA  
Sandra asked how late can the student be parked for the with wifi, and are there buildings that have restrooms that security patrols.  
Mario state the wifi hours are from 8am-8pm and maybe a little earlier on Friday's. also, security does patrol LotA as well as other areas.  
Sondra said while on the topic of parking, she pointed out the campus map is wrong when referring to CDC parking area. The lot is not student parking its designated for student center children drop off, not student parking. She suggests be change before spring semester since that's the busiest term for the center.  
Mario stated that was brought to his attention will check on it and make the change

## IV. New Business

- A. COVID-19 Discussion (Remote/on camps)
  - Brian brought up more discussion on remote teaching. Although faculty volunteered to teach in person some wanted to revert back to remote and it was decline. The decision was questioned, in the event someone tested positive for COVID or there was some sort of outbreak, will they decide be to go remote or lockdown. That would seem to be double standard because of lack of policy.
  - Sandra mentioned there was discussion during Policy Procedure Council meeting regarding policies on the district making the commitment to a healthy work and learning environment that will work with Federal State and local Health departments.
  - Denna asked the question of what parameters will we have when the student is asymptomatic or needing a nurse, the student center does not have a nurse or MP who is looking for the student health center?
  - Sandra mentioned that would be best for departments to work with their administrators or their supervisors and come up with their own protocols because they know their system best
  - Sondra asked if there was more information on the seven covid cases that was reported.
  - Charlene mentioned HR reports as much information as they can. On the cases referred to, they have not yet been positively confirmed.

- B. Look ahead to next semester –  
-parking lots one through six will be striped during this semester

C. Additional Safety Issues on Campus

- Locking of elevators - Connie also asked, what time does campus close; she overheard security tell someone closing time is 5pm. In which that might be a bit too early, she cannot use the facilities before going home when working late. She would like to have general consensus that things are going to be open and locked by certain time because students also use the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor corridor to walk down to the parking lots. Sondra made the comment evening classed go until 9:05pm

Connie also mentioned there was an elderly person wanting to use the elevators and was unable to because they are close by 5pm in the Student Services building. She understands why elevators are close early because of safety, but outside public may not know there are other elevators on campus they could use.

Mario stated he understood the situation, but the closing is to prevent vandalism.

Connie understood but should probably post a sign so that someone with a disability or elderly can know where they can find an assessable elevator; and the restrooms be closed perhaps 7pm.

V. **Reports**

A. Health – nothing to report

- Charlene did mentioned that Covid is a big challenge for all more so for the HR department. they are learning as they go through the process of trying to get everybody back on campus making sure everybody's safe.

Charlene also thank Mario and staff for the amount of work that everyone putting into making sure our campuses are clean and safe.

VI. **Announcements**

n/a

VII. **Public Comment**

n/a

VIII. **Next Meeting**

Friday, November 19, 2021

XII. **Adjournment**

- – meeting ended at 11am