

College of San Mateo

Campus Safety Committee Meeting Summary

October 22, 2020

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Via Zoom

Members in Attendance: Robert Gutierrez, Cynthia James, Micaela Ochoa, Chuck La Mere, Ben Zara Minkin, Viji Raman, Michele Rudovsky, Janis Wisherop, Jane Wong

Guests: Vince Garcia, Cheryl Navarrete, Heidi Pereira, Rene Renard, Yen Tran,

Student Representative: Megha Rai

Micaela called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM and began the meeting by welcoming everyone and reviewing the agenda. The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The group reviewed the minutes from the October 22, 2020 meeting. After review, the October 22, 2020 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

District Recovery and Operations

Ben Zara Minkin provided an update on district recovery efforts related to COVID19. He reminded the group that the response and recovery is being managed through participatory governance. He also reminded the group that the District is mandated to follow the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Ben Zara explained the command structure within the emergency operation center. The Policy Group is comprised of the Chancellor and the three colleges presidents. Ben Zara liaises with the Policy Group through Mitch Bailey, SMCCD Chief of Staff. Ben Zara then works with Rich Rojo, Communications Director, and Michele Rudovsky to implement.

The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is organized around meeting the county-mandated guidelines and the NIMS strict guidelines. Anything we implement must be in accordance with the San Mateo County Department of Public Health guidelines, and any additional state or federal guidelines. As we progress towards recovery, we are focusing on the District's instruction-centered mission.

Since the start of the pandemic, the state has shifted to assigning each county a tier color based on various measurements. This gives each county some latitude in their planning and is much more clear than at the beginning of the pandemic.

In terms of what this means for SMCCCD, Ben Zara said that the District has been updating plans to bring SMCCCD into alignment with the different tiers established by the state. He noted that the plans have been put into place to safeguard essential infrastructure and continue instruction in modalities that are allowable under state and federal guidelines.

Recovery Tiers:

T1: Soft Restart (Essential Infrastructure)

Ben Zara shared that the organization needs to come up with recovery models. The District office has been doing a very good job and staying up on the situation and making sure that our health and safety plans are being updated to make sure that we meet those requirements.

T2: Restricted Return (Restricted class operations, Instructional continuity, Conduct student activities virtually when possible)

Examples of on-campus instruction that are allowed in this stage: Biology/Bio-Technology, Nursing, Dentistry, Police Academy, Fire Academy, EMT, Respiratory Therapy, Radiology Technology, Medical assisting, Athletic Conditioning (outdoor)

Occupancy of spaces not based on normal enrollment, but on what that space can actually contain. The focus is on social distancing and spacing elements. For instance, a lecture hall that can hold 100 people maximum would only be allowed 25% capacity. However, any activity that can be done virtually will continue to be done virtually.

T3: Expanded Operations (Health & Safety Plan)

T4: Modified Operation (Minimal)

Ben Zara emphasized that it is important to maintain social distancing. In addition to social distancing, other mitigation measures, such as stanchions, the installation of plexiglass dividers, and information signage, will be used. Any large-scale event, such as the annual Commencement ceremony, would have to be approved by the County Health Department.

Other items related on Campus Safety Committee

Available resources for students

Yen Tran asked if there are any website updates within the district?

Maybe set up a FAQ post for students?

Micaela adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.
Next meeting date: Thursday, November 19, 2020
2PM – 3 PM via Zoom