

COVID COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, September 16, 2021

2:00 PM

Members Attending: C. Birth, R. Bryant, B. Cannon, K. Dulaney, D. Gentry, C. Grove, D. Hardy, K. C. Hayes, Holland, D. King, C. Purdy, M. Quattlebaum, K. Roberts, R. Robison, M. Waites, L. Williams

The meeting opened with Dr. King noting that she had emailed the minutes of the September 2, 2021 meeting.

The first agenda item was a review of the revised Employee Covid Tracing. Some changes have been made and Rhonda St. Columbia noted the changes in the process. She will email the final version to everyone once it is complete. The main informational change related to the number of days a person needed to be quarantined if you had been vaccinated. It was 14 days but now is 10-14 days. She will have the student contract tracing chart ready soon. Dr. King mentioned that people need to post this in visible places on campus.

The second agenda item focused on the Covid Safety Protocols the college is using. These were discussed and the Committee agreed that these were easy for students to understand.

PCCUA COVID GUIDELINES

1. All employees, students, and campus guests will wear masks in the buildings.
2. Social distancing is recommended-6 feet apart if possible.
3. Students and staff are encouraged to sanitize frequently and to self-screen. Thermometers are at the entrance to every building and so are sanitizers.
4. If you feel sick or have any symptoms for any illness, stay home.
5. We will continue to contact trace. Those infected or exposed to the virus should contact Rhonda St. Columbia at rhonda@pccua.edu or call (870) 338-6474 ext.1130

Note: All employees are asked to help monitor the mask requirement. There will be no screening stations.

Disposable masks have been distributed to people in key areas to give to students needing a mask. The PCCUA logo masks will be provided to students during the first week of school.

The Warfield Committee requested something they could share on their website so those attending the concert would know what to expect. Rene Robison represented the subcommittee working with venues and she shared that most colleges have limited capacity to adjust to social distancing. She mentioned considerations are enforcement of the mask and distancing policies, ticket control so the capacity limitations are met. Training volunteers and ushers so that they are able to address the activity. It became evident that it would be important to have Rene Robison, Sydney Oberle, and others discuss this situation so everyone is on the same page.

The following safety guidelines were shared with the Warfield Committee which is having an event on October 15.



In order to keep people safe during this uncertain time, PCCUA is following precautions.

PCCUA COVID Safety Protocols

1. Masks required to enter the building and throughout the concert
2. Social distancing is highly encouraged and seating will be based on CDC social distancing guidelines (seating charts with distanced seats).
We recommend three seats between each person or family or group unit.
3. Avoid close contact and intermingling during intermission.
4. In order to minimize social contact, there will be no refreshments allowed.

Attendance policies were reviewed. At the last Covid meeting, many felt that an absence statement should be shared to clarify with students what expectations everyone has related to absenteeism. Although most felt there were not many students taking advantage of our practices toward absenteeism since Covid, some felt that were occasional instances of a student abusing the situation. The Covid Absentee Statement was shared and amended. It will go to Faculty Senate for suggestions.

PCCUA STUDENT ATTENDANCE DRAFT

PCCUA puts student and employee safety as a first priority as we continue working in this uncertain time caused by the pandemic.

The College relies on the U of a Board of Trustees, the Center for Disease Control, the Arkansas Department of Health, and the PCCUA Covid Committee when making decisions about what to tell students about protocols.

Regular class attendance is required to ensure students are engaged in coursework. Attendance may be in-person, online, or both. We do understand that during the pandemic there may be occasions when you miss class or a series of classes. Each course syllabus outlines an attendance policy and these practices include the impact of attendance on learning and the outcomes for required assignments, tests, presentations and other assigned course work. Students are expected to adhere to the attendance policy outlined in a course.

As always, it is the student's responsibility to connect with the advisor and instructor about completing unfinished work. If you are absolutely unable to attend because of Covid related illness, each instructor should be made aware of your circumstances and you will need written verification if you are unable to do class work or attend for an extended period of time. This does not relieve you of course work responsibilities, any missed work must be completed. Again, be sure to notify the instructor in a timely manner if you are required to miss class.

Other Covid Guidelines include the following recommendations:

1. If you feel sick, stay at home, especially if you have Covid or some other infectious disease.
2. You are responsible for connecting with your instructor using the format identified by that instructor (email, BlackBoard, text, other) for each course. If you miss an extended number of class days, you can be asked to provide a medical excuse from your doctor. The note should identify an end date for the absence.
3. You are responsible for completing any work that you miss including assignments, quizzes, tests, and exams.
4. If the absence from a course is going to be long term, be sure to contact the instructor and possibly the Office of Financial Aid.

In all cases where you have Covid symptoms or are unvaccinated and have been exposed, call Rhonda St. Columbia at rhonda@pccua.edu (870) 338-6474 ext. 1130.

