EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Policy: ACCIDENT AND ILLNESS PREVENTION

Recommended for Approval by: Mr. Guilbert Brown, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Approved by: Dr. H. Fred Walker, President on 8/18/16 Effective Date

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INTENT

The intent of this policy is to establish the foundation for a written health and safety program that promotes a safe and healthy environment for faculty, staff, students and visitors.

POLICY

The written health and safety program shall comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Act (PA Act 44 of 1993) and shall be referred to as the Accident and Illness Prevention Program. For the Accident and Illness Prevention Program to be effective, it must establish, but is not necessarily limited to, the following: the methods for the identification and correction of hazards, the administration of safety training, the communication of safety information, and the compliance with established safety programs and procedures while reducing liability.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety shall be responsible for the development and implementation of the Accident and Illness Prevention Program. The Director of Environmental Health and Safety is delegated the authority to issue safety related programs and procedures, as needed, under this policy. Likewise, the Director of Environmental Health and Safety may also, if necessary, suspend activities and/or close areas that are deemed to pose an imminent danger. The Director of Environmental Health and Safety will consult with the Vice President of Finance and Administration prior to or immediately following the issuance of such order.

All faculty, staff, students and visitors are responsible for creating a healthy and safe environment. Each member of the University community must understand that health and safety is a shared responsibility. It is not an additional responsibility, but rather that it is a part of every task performed. All faculty and staff have the authority and obligation to stop any task or operation whenever they believe there is imminent danger and report it to the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.
DEFINITIONS

1. **Imminent Danger** - any condition or practices which could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm immediately.

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