October 2020 SAFETY TALK – GOLF CART SAFETY ON & AROUND CAMPUS

Please share the following safety tips below with your team to avoid golf cart accidents on campus:

1. Always drive responsibly; arms and legs should always remain in the vehicle and if your cart is equipped with them, seat belts should always be fastened.

2. Only carry passengers that you have seats for. Do not try to squeeze in extra passengers.

3. Never drive recklessly or joy ride. Be courteous to other drivers and obey vehicle traffic laws and the rules of the road.

4. Avoid distractions while operating your golf cart. No matter the size of the vehicle, it’s still an automobile. Remain attentive and avoid talking, texting, or reading while driving, reaching for objects, applying makeup or eating.

5. Never allow anyone to stand in the vehicle or on the platform located in the back of the vehicle and never put the vehicle in motion until all passengers are safely inside.

6. Always use hand signals to indicate upcoming turns as well as your turn signals (when driving on the street).

7. Always check blind spots before turning.

8. Use caution while turning and look behind your golf cart before backing up. If a passenger is with you, utilize them as a spotter when backing up.

9. Avoid excessive speeds, sudden starts and stops, and avoid sharp turns at fast speeds.

10. Reduce speed depending on the driving conditions and driving environment. Reduce speed on hills and inclines or declines, blind corners (especially near buildings).

11. Do not leave keys in golf cart while unattended and always make sure to set the parking brake.

12. Always yield to pedestrians.

13. Use extreme caution in inclement weather. Golf carts may be prone to lightning strikes. Avoid driving in inclement weather if you can.