

CAMPUS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
August 14, 2019

The Campus Safety Commission met on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, in Carroll Hall, Room 305. Chairs DeVetta Holman, Manny Hernandez, and Frank Baumgartner convened the meeting at 10:07 AM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: De'Ivyion Drew, Manny Hernandez, Charles Streeter, Kim Strom-Gottfried, Brandon Washington, DeVetta Holman, Frank Baumgartner, Manny Garcia, Lawrence Grossberg, Richard Myers, Brian Curran, Jim Herrington, Charles Branson Vickory, Emily Blackburn

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Jim Herrington and a second by Chair Hernandez, the minutes of the meeting of July 10, 2019 were approved following a spelling correction of Jim Herrington's name.

[A copy of these minutes are located at <http://campussafetycommission.web.unc.edu/>]

RACIAL EQUITY INSTITUTE TRAINING (REI)

Chair Holman drew attention to the various scheduling options available for Racial Equity Institute Training and explained that these trainings are to take place over two days, for eight hours each day. Chair Holman requested that commission members turn in their preferred dates for training at the conclusion of the meeting, as a 16-member threshold is needed to host a training. Richard Myers and Jim Herrington noted that this training has a particularly large time commitment, so Emily Blackburn and Chair Baumgartner volunteered to investigate other training options, as well as an abbreviated version of REI training.

ACTION ITEMS – FALL 2019

Chair Holman outlined the action items proposed from the Chairs of the Campus Safety Commission as follows for the Fall 2019 Semester:

Establishment of Committees

Chair Holman reminded members to submit their preferences for committee membership to the Chairs at the conclusion of the meeting. The list of committees is as follows:

- Data and Information
- Training and Development
- UNC Police Procedures
- Outreach and Engagement
 - (Community Outreach, Police Relations, Communications)
- Report Drafting (to be established in February 2020)

Listening Sessions

Chair Baumgartner introduced a proposal for a series of listening sessions to be conducted across campus by members of the commission. The purpose of these proposed meetings is to gather feedback from all areas of campus in order to inform a dialogue that will be used for a Town Hall hosted by the commission at the end of the semester. Brian Curran suggested that a short survey tool be implemented in addition to hosting in-person conversations with groups. In response to an inquiry about the length of the proposed listening sessions, Chair Holman noted that sessions should be kept around, but not limited to, 60 minutes each.

Given the logistical challenges of the listening sessions, Maya Weinstein suggested identifying a liaison from each of the proposed groups in order to bridge the gap between the groups and the commission. Chair Holman requested that commission members reach out to the Chairs with recommendations for different groups and contact persons for each respective group. Charles Streeter suggested establishing a list of available dates for sessions and later inviting individual groups to these sessions to ensure organized scheduling, to which the commission at large agreed.

Chair Baumgartner spoke to the means by which the commission should effectively gather input from these groups by suggesting the use of a handout and feedback sheet for audience members to complete, along with the option to utilize an anonymous Qualtrics survey, which would be found on the commission's website. Richard Myers proposed the use of Chatham House Rules during listening sessions, which emphasizes that nothing spoken is personally attributed to the speaker, but things that are spoken may be repeated for the purpose of taking action. These rules, in conjunction with North Carolina Open Meeting Requirements, will be adhered to for the purpose of the listening sessions.

MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Jim Herrington, and seconded by De'Ivyion Drew, the Commission voted to convene in closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-318.11 (a) (1) (to prevent the disclosure of privileged information under Section 126-22 and the following); and also pursuant to Section 143-318.11 (a) (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), and (9).

RECONVENE MEETING IN OPEN SESSION

Kim Strom Gottfried made a motion to return to open session. Chair Baumgartner seconded, and it passed.

REMARKS BY INTERIM CHANCELLOR GUSKIEWICZ

Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz arrived to update the commission on the search for a Police Chief, the investigatory report by Chris Swecker, and takeaways from his meetings with campus police.

Update on Police Chief Search

Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz shared with the commission that an offer was made to a Police Chief finalist and the candidate is now undergoing extensive background checks and final testing. Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz thanked members of the Campus Safety Commission for their input and participation in the Police Chief search that was conducted by Darrell Jeter.

Update on Investigatory Report

Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz noted that Chris Swecker's attendance at the June Campus Safety Commission meeting was a wonderful way to shine a light on opportunities for improvement while also highlighting best practices. Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz noted that Mr. Swecker is finishing up his work and should be expected to share his findings within the next 3 to 4 weeks. Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz suggested that Mr. Swecker could attend a future commission meeting to provide updates, to which several commission members expressed their support. Richard Myers inquired about the transparency of these report, to which Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz noted that his intent is to make public as much of the report as possible while also protecting the identities of all individuals within the report.

Update on Police Conversations

Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz noted that he has had the chance to meet twice with members of campus police and has gathered a great deal of insight through their conversations. Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz identified several major takeaways from his conversations.

Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz noted that members of the campus police would very much like to be involved in the Campus Safety Commission in any capacity that they are able. They expressed an interest in attending commission meetings to share the various types of extensive training that campus police must undergo, as it is the highest level of training found in the state.

Third, Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz noted that many police forces across the country have programs that allow for officers to take home their vehicles in order to amplify synergies and morale. While campus police currently lack this program, they are crafting a proposal that identifies the cost savings that a take-home vehicle program would bring to the university, and Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz and Jonathan Pruitt have agreed to review this proposal.

In closing, Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz noted that he personally feels that the morale of the campus police force has increased considerably in recent months, potentially due the establishment of the Campus Safety Commission and the opportunity to collaborate given new ideas and refreshing leadership changes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Baumgartner called for a motion to adjourn. Jim Herrington made the motion; De'Ivyion Drew seconded, and it passed. Chair Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 11:56 AM.