

CAMPUS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
October 2, 2019

The Campus Safety Commission met on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, in Carroll Hall, Room 305. Chairs DeVetta Holman, Frank Baumgartner, Manny Hernandez convened the meeting at 10:15 AM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mary Beth Koza, Jim Herrington, Kim Strom Gottfried, Manny Hernandez, DeVetta Holman, Frank Baumgartner, Brandon Washington, Charles Branson Vickory, Emily Blackburn, Desirée Rieckenberg, Maya Weinstein

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

On motion of DeVetta Holman and a second by Larry Grossberg, the minutes of the meeting of September 4, 2019 were approved with no amendments.

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

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public came forward to speak during the open comment period of the agenda.

UPDATES

Commission member Maya Weinstein addressed the group at large to note that a listening session was scheduled for the evening of Yom Kippur, which is a high holy day for the Jewish religion. She used this example to emphasize the need for the commission to practice inclusivity within itself, so that the commission can achieve its goal of extending inclusivity and welcoming diversity throughout the campus.

There has been a notable increase in anti-Semitic hate crimes across the country, with some instances occurring on our campus specifically. It is important to be mindful of these issues, especially given our charge as a commission to promote trust and foster safety within all the communities that are represented at Carolina.

Following these comments made at the October 2 meeting, Chair Holman and Maya met to discuss and further illuminate the importance of inclusive excellence on the Safety Commission.

Commission member Brandon Washington gave remarks to draw attention to the 2019 Annual Security Report, which was released to the University at large on September 30. This report, Washington noted, further illuminates the need for Campus Safety Commission members to engage in some Clery training. The link to the report is as follows: <http://police.unc.edu/securityreport>.

A discussion followed regarding the logistics needed to accommodate Clery training within the commission. The Chairs noted that they will deliberate independently and report back to the commission with next steps. They also noted that AAU data will likely have been made public

by the time a training is scheduled, so these findings will also contribute to the conversation around training.

Chair Hernandez noted that several seats on the commission are now vacant, and the chairs will be seeking recommendations for appointments to be communicated to the Chancellor for final review and selection. Currently, there are three seats that require reappointment: two student seats and one faculty seat. Any commission members or at large community members who wish to recommend an individual to the commission may do so through the commission's website, bearing in mind that the final selection is made at the discretion of the Chancellor.

LISTENING SESSION DISCUSSION

Chair Baumgartner identified several observations and findings from his experience at both the general body listening sessions as well as intended audience listening sessions. He noted a general frustration throughout various sessions that students/faculty/staff do not feel supported by police during protests and other events, which has led to a feeling of genuine fear amongst groups. Additionally, concerns were raised across sessions about other generic safety concerns such as sexual assault and Alert Carolina.

Chair Baumgartner reflected specifically on his experience facilitating a session with the UNC Police Department, during which rich conversations were had and frustrations were expressed with how to proceed. Actionable solutions were generated within the group, included addressing problems with communication and the recognition of new leadership with new style of being available and addressing mistakes.

Chair Hernandez recalled having conversations within the listening sessions about how communication can be improved between the community, the student body, and the administration. Alert Carolina was a major concern, with several participants noting that the system does not accurately reflect the timeliness for incidents like sexual assault, active shooters, etc. Commission member Mary Beth Koza noted that people are being communicated with all the time, but there is a lack of understanding on how much information is disseminated and how to obtain this information. This contributes to the confusion of how is responsible for alerting and communicating these warnings and updates.

Moving forward, Chair Baumgartner noted the importance of commission members emphasizing that the listening sessions are indeed open meetings, meaning that a media and press presence might occur in which case participants' comments might be published (although not by the Campus Safety Commission). Pictures can also be taken at these sessions. Chair Baumgartner proceeded to emphasize the importance of operating under transparency in open meetings before concluding the discussion.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Larry Grossberg provided an update on the subcommittee for Police Procedures and Policy, which met following the September 4 full commission meeting. During the subcommittee meeting, members discussed the information that is needed for them to operate and move forward with their charge. They discussed different resources for gathering information, including the Commission on

Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) manual, participating in the Civilian Academy through the Chapel Hill Police Department, and working with the community contact for the UNC Police Department. While the subcommittee is currently undergoing an information gathering process, it plans to utilize the findings of the listening sessions to guide their next steps.

All other subcommittees will meet in the following weeks with reports to take place during the November 6 meeting.

**CHANCELLOR’S CAMPUS SAFETY COMMISSION CAMPUS-WIDE LETTER
(OCTOBER 2019)**

The commission discussed the need for the Chancellor to be briefed on this letter, as well as the Executive Communications team. Talking points must be generated for Executive Communications to assist the Chancellor in drafting a letter. The intent of the letter is to reflect on the Campus Safety Commission’s first six months in existence, while highlighting actions taken in the past six months as well as future goals and plans. The Chairs of the commission will plan to discuss these specifics with Amy Locklear Hertel and Chancellor Guskiewicz in the coming weeks.

NOVEMBER TOWN HALL MEETING

The original date for the Town Hall meeting, November 12, is no longer viable due to the Chancellor’s inability to attend on this date. A new date will be identified soon.

The commission engaged in a discussion about the logistics needed to support this event, included the identification of a moderator. Several qualities were identified for a suitable moderator, including the ability to handle the crowd and manage frustrations. Commission members also discussed whether to engage in a panel-type discussion with administrators, and whether to incorporate the Swecker report into the discussion at the event. Publicity tactics and location are not yet confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Baumgartner called for a motion to adjourn. Charles Branson Vickory made the motion; De’Ivyion Drew seconded, and it passed. Chair Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 11:34 AM.