

**CAMPUS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
**December 16, 2019**

The Campus Safety Commission met on Monday, December 16, 2019, in Carroll Hall, Room 305. Chairs DeVetta Holman, Frank Baumgartner, Manny Hernandez convened the meeting at 10:01 AM.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Lawrence Grossberg, Eric Muller, Frank Baumgartner, DeVetta Holman, Dajah Stallings (call in), Robert Campbell, Brandon Washington, Charles Branson Vickory (call in), Brian Curran, Jim Herrington (call in), Kim Strom, Joshua Romero (call in), Emily Blackburn, De'Ivyion Drew (call in), Desirée Rieckenberg, Quinton Smith

**Q&A with Chancellor Kevin M. Guskiewicz**

The purpose of this supplemental meeting of this meeting of the general body was to converse with the Chancellor regarding a variety of topics including, but not limited to:

- the settlement of the Confederate Monument,
- information gathering on the Swecker report, and
- information gathering on The Commission on History, Race, and a Way Forward

Prior to the Q&A period of the discussion, members of the Commission congratulated Chancellor Guskiewicz on his official appointment as Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Commission members inquired about the specifics of the settlement made between the UNC Board of Governors and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to which Chancellor Guskiewicz responded in detail to the best of his ability and knowledge.

The Chancellor and members of the Commission later engaged in a conversation surrounding how to move our community forward from the uncertainty and divisiveness that has resulted from the past year's events. Chancellor Guskiewicz noted that we, as a University, need everyone's help in order to make strides in diversity, inclusion, history, race, and reckoning with our past.

Commission member De'Ivyion Drew emphasized the need for administrators to recognize how administrative decisions affect campus safety. Because of this, administrators should maintain a more active presence at Campus Safety Commission meetings, according to Commission member Drew. Commission member Desirée Rieckenberg recommended intentional and public-facing communication about the initiatives that we are undertaking in order to encourage students to be involved. In order to feel supported and become successful, students – especially undergraduates – should engage with these initiatives at the development and implementation levels.

Commission member Larry Grossberg provided feedback regarding intra-campus communication and called for an audit on the flows of information across the campus. He noted

that some areas of communication present terrible redundancies, where there are significant lapses in communication present in other areas. Grossberg also suggested that a well thought out communications strategy be implemented in order to communicate with individuals on campus, in the larger academic community, throughout the state of North Carolina, and across the nation.

Commission member Quinton Smith stated that there should be a major push to support African American students that are on campus at present, because there are physical consequences of experiencing racism, oppression, and unrest on campus. This should be executed by allocating resources directly to CAPS, affinity groups, the Stone Center, etc. To this point, Chancellor Guskiewicz noted that many of these groups will be recipients of the major commitment that was announced on December 13.

Lastly, Commission member Robert Campbell noted that many communities that surround the greater campus area are still suffering from decisions that were made at the UNC System level (e.g. North Side, community surrounding Chapel Hill landfill, family of James Cates). Campbell emphasized that voices from these communities need to be heard, because whatever happens on campus effects the municipalities around it, whether we are aware or not.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Baumgartner called for a motion to adjourn. Brian Curran made the motion; Larry Grossberg seconded, and it passed. Chair Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 11:47 AM.