

Campus Safety and Security Task Force

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 1:30 p.m. (by Zoom)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Allison D. Garrett welcomed members and guests Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Jeff Harp, University of Central Oklahoma; Justin Lockwood, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education; Shane Marshall, Seminole State College; Aaron Collins, Metro Technology Centers; Alton Jones, Eastern Oklahoma State College; Devin DeBock, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology; Nancy Hughes, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Dan Piazza, Oklahoma City Community College; Brandon Hill, East Central University; David Shannon, Oklahoma Baptist University; Steve Turner, Northeastern State University; John DeBoard, Cameron University; Joedon Hughes, Rose State College; Kevin Leach, University of Oklahoma; Bert Miller, East Central University; Mark Pierce, Francis Tuttle Technology Center; Joe Batt, Rogers State University; Ryan Blanton, Oklahoma Panhandle State University; and Angela Caddell, Rachel Bates, Sarah Kimball, Joel Dean, Lindsay Echols and Sharon Bourbeau, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF FEB. 23, 2022 MEETING MINUTES: Chancellor Garrett asked task force members to review the minutes of the Feb. 23 meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING: Angela Caddell introduced Chief Kendra Brown from SWOSU, who shared her experiences and perspectives with regard to key incident management principles. She outlined the critical importance of a multi-faceted communication plan; elements of preparedness, including risk and capabilities assessment; and the value of regular plan exercises.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Joel Dean provided a legislative update in the absence of Jarrett Jobe. He said that Oklahoma's Promise Day at the Capitol would be held April 20. Dean mentioned several pertinent bills, noting that while there were no active bills that would directly expand weapons on campus, other bills would be watched for any related amendments. He also said there were no budget bills in motion yet.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE: Caddell provided the update in Sarah Kimball's absence. She said Kimball met with a core group of campus emergency managers to develop the consortium workplan for the rest of the year, which will focus on a series of workshops to help campuses develop and refine emergency operation plans. She added the workshops would likely begin in the summer.

WORKGROUP REPORTS: Chancellor Garrett asked for workgroup reports.

Campus Best Practices (Steve Turner, Chair): Turner indicated there were no updates to report.

Issue Monitoring, Advocacy and Research (Larry Rice, Chair): Caddell gave the report in the absence of Rice. She noted the workgroup would stand ready to assist Chancellor Garrett and Jobe through the remainder of the legislative session.

Training and Plan Development (Jeff Harp, Chair): Harp told members that a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training would be held Sept. 26-30 at UCO in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. He said a save-the date alert would be issued and that registration would open soon, reminding members that there would be no cost for the training and seats would be limited to 30.

TASK FORCE RESOLUTION: WEAPONS ON CAMPUS: Caddell reminded members that the task force had issued joint resolutions signed by the Chancellor and the State Director of CareerTech in past years in support of maintaining the current law regarding weapons on campus. She thanked members for their feedback on the draft resolution and said the 2022 resolution had been approved and signed, and was ready for distribution.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Caddell asked if there were any other topics for discussion. John DeBoard encouraged members to take the time to share their perspectives about weapons on campus and the task force resolution with legislators.

WRAP UP AND COMMENTS: Garrett thanked members for their attendance. She announced the next task force meeting would be held Wednesday, June 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room or via Zoom.

Caddell shared with the task force that Sharon Bourbeau, who had provided excellent administrative support for the work of the task force since its inception, was leaving the State Regents' office for a new position. Members thanked Bourbeau for her many years of exceptional service and wished her well.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.