

Campus Safety and Security Task Force

MINUTES

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Allison Garrett welcomed members and guests Bo Hannaford, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Ron Ramming, Connors State College; Monica Trevino, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Joe Batt, Rogers State University; Bert Miller, East Central University; Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; John DeBoard, Cameron University; Brandon Davis, Oklahoma City Community College; Jerrid Freeman, Northeastern State University; Bill Knowles, Seminole State College; Eli Zucksworth, Redlands Community College; Norman Nieves, University of Central Oklahoma; Devin Debock, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology; Aaron Collins, Metro Technology Centers; James Edwards, Francis Tuttle Technology Center; Joedon Hughes, Rose State College; Curtis Stewart, Langston University; Alton Jones, Eastern Oklahoma State College; Scott LaPlant, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City; Meg Cannon, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; and Angela Caddell, Jarrett Jobe, Sarah Kimball, Lindsay Echols and Emelia Ross, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF NOV. 1, 2023 MEETING MINUTES: Garrett asked task force members to review the minutes of the Nov. 1, 2023 meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Dr. Jarrett Jobe, OSRHE Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, updated the task force on the start of the 2024 legislative session. He said his team was reviewing filed legislation, including several bills pertaining to weapons carry. Jobe thanked members for continuing to submit campus resolutions in support of maintaining current law regarding weapons on college, university and technology center campuses. He noted that he will ask campus presidents to share examples of incidences when campus carry requests have been approved to demonstrate the current law is working. He also reminded members that Higher Education Day at the Capitol would be held the next day.

CASE STUDY: CAMPUS LOCKDOWN: NWOSU President Bo Hannaford outlined a security incident on the first day of the fall semester on the NWOSU campus. He said his team was notified by Mississippi law enforcement officials that a fugitive was located near the campus, prompting a lockdown. NWOSU later learned the fugitive was driving through the area and didn't pose a threat, and the lockdown was lifted. Hannaford noted the importance of preparatory drill exercises to help staff react accurately and decisively. Overall, he felt the campus response was successful, with clear procedures followed.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE: Sarah Kimball said the new consortium chair, Norman Nieves, and vice chair, Kendra Brown, held their first meeting and would meet again soon to discuss training needs and plans, including a potential campus survey. Kimball invited members to reach out to her with any topic or training suggestions.

TASK FORCE RESOLUTION: WEAPONS ON CAMPUS – Angela 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 current law regarding weapons on campus. She shared the draft 2024 resolution and noted it would be submitted for

signature upon task force approval. Hannaford made a motion to approve the draft, and Eli Zucksworth seconded the motion. The resolution was approved by a voice vote.

STATEWIDE SUMMIT DEBRIEF: Caddell said that participants of the Nov. 7 statewide summit were sent a survey for feedback to inform planning of future events. She said the survey outcomes were very positive, with nearly all respondents indicating the training offered through the Summit was relevant and timely. She said that besides the keynote address, which provided a case study of an active shooter incident at Michigan State University, the most well-attended sessions were those addressing active threat response, Clery Act and Title IX, a campus murder case study, stalking on campus, human trafficking, and planning tabletop exercises. Caddell also shared topics suggested for future events, which included medical triage and naloxone training, trauma informed care, and mental health services. The next summit will be held in fall 2025.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Norman Nieves noted UCO was preparing campus lockdown training and offered to share materials or for other campuses to observe.

Kendra Brown mentioned the cost of campus risk assessments, which are often required to qualify for grant opportunities. She said that while free assessments are available through the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security, the wait is long, and private assessments are available, but expensive. Caddell said she would reach out to OKOHS to discuss the issue and explore options for campuses in need of a risk assessment.

WRAP-UP AND COMMENTS: Caddell thanked members for their attendance. She said the next task force meeting would be held April 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room or via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.