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Campus Safety Committee (CSC)

Monday, March 25, 2024

Minutes of the Meeting

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[**In these minutes:** Welcome and Safety Moment; Strategic Safety Advisory Committee (SSAC) Update; Senate Consultative Committee Feedback and Changes to the Culture of Safety Definition; New Business]

PRESENT: Edgar Arriaga (chair), Joseph Alf, Jovany Betancourt, Clara Hanson, Sean Huls, Jessica Larson, Soyun Lee, Adam Negri, Terry Niebeling, Ashok Singh, Barry Standorf, Julie Thompson, liz thomson, Ian Tonks, Andrew Whitman

REGRETS: Maja Radovanlija

ABSENT: Lamija Alisic, Austin Chanen, Christopher Ehrhart, Tina Erazmus, Myron Frans, Joshua Ichen, Jabra Kawas, Rebecca Sedivy, Christine Swartwout

GUESTS: Matt Blair, parking enforcement officer, UMC Public Safety; Tim LeGarde, lieutenant, UMD Police

OTHERS ATTENDING: Geanette Poole

1. Welcome and Safety Moment

Professor Edgar Arriaga, chair, welcomed members and invited a round of introductions. Arriaga presented the safety moment to the committee, an ecological approach to safety promotion.

2. Strategic Safety Advisory Committee (SSAC) Update

Joe Alf provided an update to the committee on the latest SSAC meeting. At that meeting, Brian Peck presented crime statistics from his non-profit. Alf and Arriaga will forward Peck's email to the committee with the crime statistics. Police Chief Clark reported increased communications with frat row, the alumni, and undergraduate education. There will be increased police presence

in the Dinkytown area near the East Bank of the Twin Cities campus. UMPD will patrol this area and plan to add a security center in the near future.

3. Senate Consultative Committee Feedback and Changes to the Culture of Safety

Definition

Arriaga shared a [current draft](#) of the definition and presented a list of action items to the committee and asked them to focus on the first three items: mission, vision, and the structure including the infographic.

- The project related to the culture of campus safety has been ongoing for over a year.
- Extensive consultation has been conducted with experts and different campuses.
- A draft was sent to the Senate Consultative Committee (SCC) recently.

The SCC provided suggested revisions including:

- Adding definitions for different types of safety (e.g., personal, emotional, occupational);
- Addressing language that may be seen as punitive;
- Considering the inclusion of core values in the definition;
- The possibility of using a socioecological system of safety.

Feedback and suggestions from members included the following:

- Vision statement should be more action-oriented.
- Mission statement is too long and needs to be concise, potentially by extracting actionable objectives.
- The idea of shared responsibility for safety was discussed, suggesting that everyone should be an active participant.
- Further refinement of the vision and mission statements.
- Potential adjustments to the document to ensure clarity and actionability.
- A working group may be formed to finalize the definition based on today's feedback.

4. New Business

- Joe Alf has been voted by the committee to serve as the chair of the Campus Safety Committee starting on July 1. The Committee on Committees confirmed the appointment on March 20.
- The CSC was asked to provide feedback on safety posters for classrooms. Members provided input via email.
- Arriaga had a consultation with the Axtell Group, an organization hired by the University to assess the University's safety alerts and communications. The consultation was specific to the Twin Cities campus.
- *Getting Access to University Buildings* policy review will be added to a future agenda. The committee is awaiting additional information from Finance and Operations.

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