

# Campus Safety and Security Task Force

## MINUTES

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed members Jim Aulgur, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (via phone); Jack Bryant and Curtis Brabham, Redlands Community College; Janet Cunningham, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Jeff Harp, University of Central Oklahoma; Steve Turner, Northeastern State University; Ron Ramming, Connors State College; Lisa Teel, University of Oklahoma; Kathryn Gage, Oklahoma State University; Jennifer Humphreys, Carl Albert State College; Doug Major, Meridian Technology Center; Bill Knowles, Seminole State College; Bert Miller, East Central University; Chris Tipton and Dan Piazza, Oklahoma City Community College; Larry Rice, Rogers State University; John Hargrave, East Central University; Sam Holt, Murray State College; Richard Andrews, Rose State College; Cheryl Evans, Northern Oklahoma College; John DeBoard, Cameron University; Bruce DeMuth, Pioneer Technology Center; Dave Culver, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security; Kelly Cain, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; Roger Webb, Task Force Consultant; Chris Basco, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; and Kermit McMurry, Debbie Blanke, Todd Pauley, Glenda McDaniel, Sarah Abhayagoonawardhana, Angela Caddell, Liana Bortoto and Sharon Bourbeau, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

**APPROVAL OF NOV. 2 MEETING MINUTES:** Johnson asked task force members to review the minutes of the Nov. 2, 2016, meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Johnson introduced Todd Pauley, the new governmental relations vice chancellor, to give a legislative update to task force members. Pauley told members that legislative tours provided an opportunity to speak to Oklahomans about the budget and other areas of concern. He also noted that Distinguished Service Awards had been presented to Rep. Katie Henke and Rep. Weldon Watson, and urged members to continue to thank them for their support of higher education. He reported that he would be tracking several bills of particular interest to the task force, including 49 gun-related bills.

Jeff Harp told members about Oklahomans for Business and Property Rights, a newly formed coalition focusing on business owner and property rights. The coalition mobilized to fight the 49 weapons bills, and invited several higher education institutions to participate. Harp and Southwestern Oklahoma State University President Randy Beutler represented higher education at the inaugural meeting. Harp mentioned other participating entities, including AFL-CIO, healthcare, women's and family groups, and some lobbyists. Harp said the coalition was closely reviewing SB 380, which would eliminate all restricted carry provisions. Johnson asked if Career Tech officials had been asked to join the coalition. Jim Aulgur stated that to his knowledge, Career Tech had not been asked to participate.

**2016 STATEWIDE SUMMIT OUTCOMES:** Johnson asked Angela Caddell to share information with members about the outcomes of the 2016 Campus Safety and Security Summit. Caddell reviewed the survey results, noting the event had about 280 attendees and that overall feedback was very good. Caddell reported that nearly 90 percent of attendees felt their expectations were met, and approximately 87 percent agreed or strongly agreed the content was relevant and useful. The opening plenary and luncheon keynote speakers also received high marks, and the concurrent sessions were very successful. Top-attended sessions included those focused on First Amendment rights of campuses and students, social media crisis communication, and Title IX and Clery Act compliance and reporting. Johnson affirmed the next statewide summit was slated for fall 2018.

**CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE:** Johnson asked Teel to provide an update on the work of the Emergency Managers Consortium. Teel reminded members that the consortium was formed to facilitate development of relationships between campus personnel and city and county emergency managers to enhance campus emergency preparedness and response. Teel

said that four meetings were held in 2016, and that she would be working with Sarah Abhayagoonawardhana and the Oklahoma Emergency Management Association to continue to build those relationships.

**TASK FORCE RESOLUTION - WEAPONS ON CAMPUS:** Johnson asked members if the task force would consider renewing the 2015 joint resolution with the Career Tech system in support of current law regarding weapons on campus. Steve Turner made a motion to ask State Regents' staff to prepare a joint resolution. The motion was seconded by Jack Bryant.

Aulgur asked if more recent incidents should be highlighted in the resolution narrative; Johnson suggested including references to the tragedies at Umpqua Community College in Oregon and at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Caddell indicated she would review and update the joint resolution for signature by Chancellor Johnson and Dr. Marcie Mack, Career Tech state director. The motion carried by voice vote.

**WORKGROUP REPORTS:** Johnson asked for workgroup reports.

**Campus Best Practices** (Lee Bird, Chair): Kathryn Gage updated the task force in Bird's absence. Gage noted the workgroup has maintained information about federal regulations and reporting requirements as part of the task force online resource repository, and shared information about a useful website developed by the Higher Education Compliance Alliance for tracking federal requirements. Hosted by the National Association of College and University Attorneys, the website offers a campus safety section that provides statutes and summaries, regulations, reporting deadlines and links to various resources. Caddell indicated she would add the link to the resource repository and send the link to task force members.

**Issue Monitoring, Advocacy and Research** (Larry Rice, Chair): Rice reported that the workgroup continued to stand ready to mobilize advocacy when support was needed for campus safety and related issues. Johnson asked that members continue to relay their opposition to any bills that would expand access to weapons on campuses to their House and Senate members. Rice also asked members to attend hearings and share the task force and state system position against guns on campus.

**Training and Plan Development** (Albert Ashwood, Chair): Caddell updated the task force in Ashwood's absence. She reported that the workgroup had been focused on assisting with the upcoming summit and that focus had shifted to updating the campus training calendar for 2017. She said the calendar would include a series of course options designed specifically for higher education.

**NIMS 2016-17 COMPLIANCE UPDATE:** Johnson asked Caddell to report on campus NIMS compliance for 2016-17. She stated that the state system had achieved 100 percent NIMS compliance for the fourth year in a row.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Johnson asked Roger Webb to share his thoughts. Webb remarked on the resurgence of campus activism over the last year, ongoing concerns about sexual violence prevention and cybersecurity, and the perils of springtime weather in Oklahoma. He also noted that institutions may want to consider charging an event fee in advance to cover security costs for controversial speakers, given the costs associated with recent campus violence at Berkley exceeded \$100,000.

Turner announced that Ed Davis, longtime commissioner for the Boston Police Department, would be providing a lecture on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. on the Northeastern State University campus in Tahlequah.

Keli Cain announced that Emergency Management Week would be March 5-11. Emergency Management Day would be observed March 8, with an open house event held at the State Operations Center. Members were invited to attend or to talk on their campuses about emergency preparedness during the week.

Teel announced a free two-day training on security for sports and special events, to be held March 28-29 on the University of Oklahoma campus.

**WRAP UP AND COMMENTS:** Johnson announced the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.