

Campus Life and Safety and Security Task Force
MINUTES

Monday, December 8, 2008, 2 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed the attendees and called roll. Other members in attendance were: Phil Berkenbile, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education; Lee Bird, Oklahoma State University; Doug Major, Meridian Technology Center; Kay Martin, Francis Tuttle Technology Center; Tom McKeon, Tulsa Community College; Donnie Nero, Connors State College; Roger Webb, University of Central Oklahoma; and Melissa Houston for Kerry Pettingill, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security. Also in attendance were: Brian Burrough, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Roger Hargis, Francis Tuttle Technology Center; Nelson Solomon, The Vista, University of Central Oklahoma; James Lovett, The Oklahoma Daily; Norman Nieves, University of Central Oklahoma; Ike Sloas, Oklahoma City Community College; Joe Rector, Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City; Shelby Blundell, Rose State College; Jeanette Nance, Governor's Office; Bryan Smith, ecapitol.net; Adam Lovell, Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Richard Braley, Murray State College; and Katharine Gaddis, Pam Boatright, Bob Anthony, Hollye Hunt, Ben Hardcastle, Amanda Paliotta, Ellen Marquardt, and Tony Hutchison, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 13 MEETING: Johnson asked task force members to review the minutes of the October 13, 2008, meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

OPENING REMARKS: Johnson outlined the items to be discussed on the agenda, including a discussion of survey findings, the task force's legislative agenda, and procedures for drafting and approving the task force's annual report.

DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF SURVEY FINDINGS: Hutchison presented the results from the survey on notification and response. Responses were received from 71 campuses, with some from multiple-campus agencies. Email notification ranked as the most widely used response system. Use of cell phones and pagers for notification increased from the year before. Many other responses were slightly lower than the year before; however, the number of responses received from the prior year increased. Bird asked about increases in counseling staff and Hutchison replied that the survey on counseling would be distributed next year.

Paliotta presented the results of the funding survey. A total of 73 institutions received the survey, but only 56% of those institutions responded, including only 1 private institution. She explained that the funding need for colleges and universities was significantly higher than the need for Career and Technology centers due to the fact that those agencies do not provide counseling on-site. Based on the survey, she recommended that the task force maintain the \$16 million request for funding from the previous year. Task force members accepted the findings of the two surveys and approved the included recommendations by a voice vote.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: Houston discussed the funding request through the Department of Homeland Security, which would provide for improved notification and response systems and provide training on behavioral threat assessment, response, recovery, and prevention. Nero stressed that private institutions should be encouraged to complete the surveys discussed above in order to provide a more accurate representation of how funds would be used to legislators.

Hunt discussed a proposed bill which would allow institutional emergency plans be exempt from the Open Record Act. She also informed task force members that there had been no filing of a concealed

weapons bill, but stated that language to allow concealed weapons to be carried on campuses could be attached to a separate piece of legislation later in the session.

DISCUSSION OF CLASS ANNUAL REPORT: Hardcastle presented an outline of the CLASS Task Force annual report. Webb expressed his appreciation to institution and State Regents' staff for their work on all areas of the report and thanked the task force subcommittees chairs and officers for their leadership. Johnson suggested presenting the report publicly at a media event and Berkenbile agreed that a press conference would help bring attention to the report and the work of the task force. Task force members voted to authorize Chairman Johnson to prepare and submit the CLASS Task Force annual report by January 15, 2009.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: Johnson asked subcommittee chairs to provide updates on recent activities.

Notification: No report was given.

Response: No report was given.

Counseling: Bird stated that there was nothing new to report. The subcommittee is continuing to determine which institutions do not have counselors. A handout was provided to task force members outlining a 2-day training session for threat assessment teams. The training will be held at the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater, Oklahoma on January 15-16, 2009.

Laws and Policies: No report was given.

Funding: Martin reported that the subcommittee had been working on compiling the results of the survey presented earlier in the meeting and to promote grant opportunities for higher education and career and technology institutions.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Webb discussed the recent events in Mumbai and how those attacks effect the threat assessment and response of teams in the United States and stressed that students and faculty members must avoid complacency as terrorism adapts to find new ways to attack. Johnson responded that there is a growing interest in security summits and events, especially as he visits with individuals both regionally and nationally.

Major stressed the importance of increasing the number of responses to the surveys discussed earlier. He also noted that decreases in ratings on the received surveys could be a result of increasing rigor of institutional reviews for accurate and realistic responses.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE: Johnson reminded task force members of a possible press conference for the release of the annual report in January and stated that his staff would work to include the Governor's schedule. Additional meeting dates are as follows:

Monday, February 2, 2009, 2 p.m.

Friday, April 10, 2009, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.