

# Campus Safety and Security Task Force

## MINUTES

Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 2 p.m.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed members Joshua Busby, Langston University; Chris Tipton and Dan Piazza, Oklahoma City Community College; Curtis Brabham, Redlands Community College; Bruce DeMuth, Pioneer Technology Center; Ron Ramming, Connors State College; Lee Bird, Oklahoma State University; Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Randy Graves and Chad Brown, Carl Albert State College; Bill Knowles, Seminole State College; Joedon Hughes, Rose State College; John DeBoard, Cameron University; Michelann Ooten, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; Roger Webb, Task Force consultant; and LeeAnna McNally (via phone), Angela Caddell, Debbie Blanke, and Sharon Bourbeau, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

**APPROVAL OF FEB. 7 MEETING MINUTES:** Chancellor Johnson asked task force members to review the minutes of the Feb. 7, 2018, meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Johnson asked LeeAnna McNally to give the legislative update. She told members she had been tracking several bills related to campus safety, including HB 2918, which would allow concealed carry without a license; HB 2527, which would allow county employees in a courthouse to conceal carry; HB 2626, which would raise the state's burden of proof on gun-related charges; and HB 2632, which would include "places of worship" as a location where citizens would have a right to use defensive force. McNally also noted HB 3693, which would reduce renewal and licensing fees for firearms, delete background check investigation procedures for handgun licenses and delete certain residency requirements.

She explained that the legislative network was watching for potential amendments to SB 1212 that could expand campus carry. The bill would include wildlife refuges and management areas as places where handgun permit holders could specifically carry guns without restrictions. McNally said she was also monitoring carryover bills from the 2017 session, including HB 1721, which would allow concealed carry of certain weapons on buses.

McNally and Johnson advised members to coordinate with the campus presidents in talking with senators and representatives about concerns regarding the bills and to emphasize the system position to maintain current law regarding weapons on campus.

**CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE:** Johnson asked Angela Caddell to provide an update on the Emergency Managers Consortium in the absence of Lisa Teel. Caddell reported that Teel was working with Homeland Security and the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management to bring FEMA's multi-hazard emergency management course to more Oklahoma institutions. Caddell explained the value of the course for emergency managers, and that cost could be a barrier for the campuses. Teel was working to secure a discount to expand access to the training. Caddell noted that more information would be available at the next meeting.

**2018 TASK FORCE RESOLUTION: WEAPONS ON CAMPUS:** Chancellor Johnson told members that a copy of the draft Weapons on Campus resolution was available for members to review. He said that the resolution would be presented to Dr. Marcie Mack for joint signature to reflect the position of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, as well. Bruce DeMuth expressed appreciation for the inclusion of Career Tech campuses, and he moved to approve the document as presented. Ron Ramming seconded the motion, which was approved by a voice vote.

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

**Campus Best Practices** (Lee Bird, Chair): Bird told members that the group had been working on developing a directory of subject matter experts who could provide free or low-cost training programs in key topic areas for campuses. Topics included diversity, assessment, accreditation, Clery Act reporting, and many others that would align with the purpose of the task force and meet campus training needs. Bird said the site was expected to go live April 6.

**Issue Monitoring, Advocacy and Research** (Larry Rice, Chair): Caddell provided the report in the absence of Rice. She said that Rice had asked for a comprehensive list of current and carryover bills with regard to weapons on campus, which was shared with members. She said the workgroup would continue to stand ready to mobilize advocacy when support was needed to address legislation pertaining to campus safety and security.

**Training and Plan Development** (Michelann Ooten, Chair): Ooten thanked Caddell for sharing training opportunities with members and campus emergency managers. She told members that OEM was partnering with Rose State College to hold a disaster response and recovery speaker series in April and May, and that the annual Emergency Management Conference would be held Aug. 12-16 in Norman. Ooten also reported that her agency was continuing work on the state's Catastrophic Earthquake Plan. She added that OEM would again provide financial assistance to support engaging featured speakers for the upcoming statewide summit.

**2018 STATEWIDE SUMMIT:** Johnson told members that planning for the third campus safety summit was underway. He asked Caddell to update members on the planning process.

Caddell told members the Save the Date had been issued for Thursday, Nov. 1 at the Reed Center in Midwest City. She noted several topic options and said that the planning committee was issuing a call for proposals to inform content development for the summit. She also indicated that keynote and plenary session options were being explored.

John DeBoard stated the topics mentioned were relevant and timely; discussion ensued. Caddell told members the sessions would be designed to serve a wide cross-section of campus personnel, including not only emergency managers and law enforcement officers, but also student affairs staff, communicators, campus event planners, and risk management teams.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Johnson asked Roger Webb to address task force members. Webb stated that spring is the most dangerous time of year on our college campuses, with weather events of particular concern. He mentioned issues surrounding campus hazing, noting that athletic teams and fraternities and sororities were being penalized and disciplined, and schools and individuals were being sued.

Bird added that OSU was developing a mandatory, peer-based training program for campus groups that would incorporate several related topics, including drug and alcohol issues, sexual violence, hazing and bystander intervention. Caddell asked Bird if she would be willing to share the training model after implementation and Bird agreed, indicating the goal was to complete the training plan by late spring.

Johnson mentioned a campus safety presentation Webb had given to the Council of Presidents in March and asked Webb to consider sharing the information with the task force at the June meeting. Webb agreed.

**WRAP UP AND COMMENTS:** Johnson said the next meeting would take place Wednesday, June 6 at 1:30.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.