

Campus Safety and Security Task Force

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed members and guests Joshua Busby, Langston University; Chris Tipton and Dan Piazza, Oklahoma City Community College; Jeff Harp, University of Central Oklahoma; Bert Miller, East Central University; Janet Cunningham, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Ron Ramming, Connors State College; Steve Turner, Northeastern State University; Jack Bryant, Redlands Community College; Lee Bird, Oklahoma State University; Shelby Rowe, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Nate Downs, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Randy Graves, Carl Albert State College; Joedon Hughes and Richard Andrews, Rose State College; John DeBoard, Cameron University; Kim Edd Carter, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security; Keli Cain, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; Nancy Hughes, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Roger Webb, Task Force consultant; and LeeAnna McNally (via phone), Angela Caddell, Bob Anthony, Sarah Kimball, Liana Bortoto and Sharon Bourbeau, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 3 MEETING MINUTES: Chancellor Johnson asked task force members to review the minutes of the April 3, 2018, meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Johnson asked LeeAnna McNally to provide a legislative update. She told members she had been tracking several bills pertaining to concealed carry, including HB 2918, which would allow concealed carry without a license; HB 2527, which allows concealed carry for county employees in a courthouse and was signed by Gov. Fallin on May 8; HB 2632, which includes “places of worship” as locations where citizens would have a right to use defensive force and was signed by the governor on May 7; and SB 1212, which evolved toward the end of session to become a constitutional carry bill. Johnson told members that Gov. Fallin vetoed SB 1212 on May 11. He asked task force members their thoughts on inviting her to provide opening remarks at the upcoming statewide summit. Members agreed it was a good idea.

McNally said that another bill, HB1608, was pocket vetoed by the governor on May 18. That bill would have allowed off-duty police officers to conceal carry a firearm. She said that this issue would recur in the next legislative session and encouraged members to work with campus groups to update or prepare related resolutions.

Johnson told members that Oklahoma continued to be an outlier in the region; every state contiguous to Oklahoma had some sort of campus gun bill. He added that, as legislators were being urged not to vote for weapons on campus, many of them indicated they believed that pending bills would not impact campuses. Johnson explained the impacts to campuses, and suggested that Task Force members encourage modifications to future bills that would specifically exclude campuses. He encouraged members to continue supporting the state system position to maintain current law regarding weapons on campus, and Caddell reminded members to coordinate advocacy efforts with their presidents.

SWOSU: WILDFIRES INCIDENT COMMAND: Johnson told members that Southwestern Oklahoma State University served as a host campus to responders during the recent wildfires in southwestern Oklahoma. He asked Nate Downs, director of the Pioneer Cellular Events Center at SWOSU, to present information about the Wildfires Incident Command Center and SWOSU’s role in the response process. Downs described the conditions leading up to the historic fire event and communications with the Forestry Service that led to SWOSU serving as an emergency response team staging area.

Downs said that the entire community was supportive, including the police chief, fire chief and administrative personnel at SWOSU. He shared a video outlining the evolution of the fires and the

contributions of approximately 30 local fire departments, hundreds of volunteer firefighters, Oklahoma Emergency Management personnel and the Forestry Service, among other partners. He noted that more than 3,000 cattle were lost in the fire, as well as miles of fencing, and in the end, nearly 290,000 acres were burned and 451 square miles scorched.

In closing, Downs stated that SWOSU offered the only comprehensive wildland fire certification program on the Great Plains and that the parks and wildlife law enforcement program at SWOSU was the top provider of recruits to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. He also mentioned that SWOSU had a full-time CLEET academy, the only collegiate officer program in western Oklahoma.

LEGAL ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE: Chancellor Johnson asked Bob Anthony to provide information on the Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference. Anthony told members the conference would be held Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the University of Oklahoma Student Union in Norman. He said that there were many topics of particular interest to task force members, including FERPA, student behavior, and open records.

KEY QUESTIONS: CAMPUS SAFETY & SECURITY: Chancellor Johnson asked Roger Webb to address task force members about important questions that are central to campus safety and security. Webb told members that the discussion of campus safety came about in 1999 with the Columbine High School shooting, which became the “play book” for almost every mass school shooting since that time. Webb noted there had been at least 30 school and college shootings since Columbine, and that while there had been an average of 10 shootings per year, there were 18 shootings in the first five months of 2018. He said that many times, the incidents occurred within a matter of minutes - in four minutes and 45 seconds, 10 were killed at Santa Fe. In five minutes and three seconds, 27 were killed at Sandy Hook.

Webb reminded members that campus security must be a priority when allocating funds and that security must be a fixed cost in campus budgets. He outlined a set of key questions campuses needed to regularly ask:

- When is the last time our emergency operations plan was reviewed?
- When is the last time our threat assessment team met?
- Do our students have access to mental health services, and if so, how long is the waiting period to see a counselor?
- Have we conducted an active shooter drill involving students, faculty and staff?
- Have we tested our campus alert system?
- Is our campus actively engaged in partnerships with local law enforcement and first-responders, and do they have up-to-date maps of our campus?
- Has our emergency management team engaged area hospitals and emergency facilities to which casualties are taken?
- Who will be the direct spokesperson for an incident, and how often will we provide updates to media?
- Do we regularly remind people on our campus that if they see something, they should say something?

Jack Bryant told Webb that he recently returned from a conference of presidents and a session he attended posed the question, “What keeps you up at night?” He told members that the number one response was campus safety and security.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE: Johnson asked Angela Caddell to provide an update on the Campus Emergency Managers Consortium in the absence of Lisa Teel. Caddell reported that the Consortium was working with the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security and Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management to bring FEMA's multi-hazard emergency management course to more Oklahoma institutions. Caddell stated that it was a starter course for emergency managers and that the training was costly. She said that Redlands Community College had offered to host the course, and that OEM and Homeland Security's support would allow the course to be provided free of charge.

Sarah Kimball said that they were looking to offer the course in September, and that registration information would be available soon. She added that UCO would be hosting the regional tabletop exercise (RTTX) in October. Jeff Harp said the RTTX would host a six-state region.

WORKGROUP REPORTS: Johnson asked for workgroup reports.

Campus Best Practices (Lee Bird, Chair): Bird told members that she had no updates.

Issue Monitoring, Advocacy and Research (Larry Rice, Chair): Caddell provided the report in the absence of Rice. She said that the workgroup would continue to remain ready to mobilize advocacy when support was needed to address legislative or policy issues pertaining to campus safety and security.

Training and Plan Development (Michelann Ooten, Chair): Caddell provided the report in the absence of Ooten. She said that various training opportunities were being shared through email and that the State Regents would continue to work with OEM and Homeland Security to provide information on the opportunities available. She said that currently, the workgroup was focused on content for the upcoming statewide summit. Caddell introduced Keli Cain from OEM, who noted that registration was open for the Oklahoma Emergency Management Conference, which would be held in August. Cain said that one free registration and hotel room would be provided for each jurisdiction – cities, counties, higher education campuses, and tribes.

2018 STATEWIDE SUMMIT UPDATE: Johnson told members that planning continued for the third campus safety summit, which would take place Nov. 1, 2018 at the Reed Center in Midwest City. He asked Caddell to update members on the planning process.

Caddell told members that the governor would be invited to make opening remarks, and that other featured speakers were under consideration. She noted that topics for keynote and concurrent sessions included emergency operations plan development and drill exercises, earthquake preparedness, business continuity, opioid abuse education, sexual assault education and awareness, and a campus incident response case study, among many others.

Caddell stated that work to develop summit content and the live exercise with the Midwest City Police Department would continue through the summer. She added that the summit content would again be submitted for CLEET accreditation.

2018 TASK FORCE RESOLUTION: WEAPONS ON CAMPUS: Johnson told members that the Task Force's joint higher education and CareerTech resolution regarding weapons on campus had been signed by him and by Dr. Marcie Mack, state director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.

FY19 TASK FORCE MEETING DATES: Chancellor Johnson reviewed Task Force meeting dates through June 2019.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Johnson invited members to share information and announcements. Bryant told members that Redlands Community College had allocated additional resources for campus safety and security for the upcoming year, and that beginning in July, RCC law enforcement officers would be armed.

WRAP UP AND COMMENTS: Johnson said the next meeting would be held Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m.

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