Welcome and Introductions: Chancellor Glen D. Johnson welcomed the attendees and began introductions. Other members in attendance were: Lee Bird, Oklahoma State University; Roger Hargis for Tom Friedemann, Francis Tuttle Technology Center; Janet Cunningham, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Jarrett Jobe for Roger Webb, University of Central Oklahoma; Kerry Pettingill, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security; and Brett Campbell for Tom McKeon, Tulsa Community College. Others in attendance were: Ron Burks and Dennis Whitfield, Rose State College; Bert H. Miller and Diane Morris, East Central University; Ike Sloas, Oklahoma City Community College; Jaime Hammer, University of Oklahoma; Brian Smith, eCapitol; and Pam Boatright, Emelia Ross, Kermit McMurry, Bob Anthony, Ben Hardcastle and Rebecca Richardson, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Approval of Minutes from Feb. 10 Meeting: Johnson asked task force members to review the minutes of the May 17, 2010, meeting. Bird moved to approve the minutes, and Cunningham seconded. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Opening Remarks: Johnson pointed out that the meeting was one of the last for the task force and said that information presented would show the volume of work done by the task force and the campuses over the past few years. He said significant progress had been made in the areas of awareness, notification and cooperation, even with very little external funding. He said the group would discuss that day what the task force’s role should be in the future.

Update on Campus Safety: Goal 2010: Johnson asked Ben Hardcastle to provide an update on the Campus Safety: Goal 2010 initiative. Hardcastle noted the Dec. 1 deadline and said that a tremendous amount of work had been done already, with much support from the Office of Homeland Security. He reminded the group that an initial survey of NIMS points-of-contact in March/April 2010 showed that awareness of and participation in the initiative was at a high level. He presented preliminary results from a new survey in which half of the contacts responded. He pointed out that 100 percent of respondents said that the NIMS compliance process has been beneficial in improving their schools’ planning and preparedness and ability to manage campus emergencies. He outlined the other responses, including that the majority of responding campuses:

- Had not yet submitted their required forms to OHS.
- Had contacted local responders to develop MACS groups.
- Had updated emergency operation plans.
- Had participated in mutual-aid assistance agreements.
- Reported that their key campus personnel had completed NIMS training.
- Had not participated in a multi-discipline/jurisdiction emergency management and response exercise program.
- Had conducted an inventory of all response needs.

He said the survey was still open and that a final report of results would be presented at the December task force meeting.

He also provided information on the NIMS Compliance Forum scheduled for Sept. 10 at Oklahoma City Community College. He said that more information and online registration was available on the CLASS website.

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Johnson asked Cunningham to describe recent training exercises at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Cunningham said exercises were held at all three NWOSU campuses, which are located in varying types of cities. She said the exercises were planned with all agencies beforehand and that the local police and fire departments had been extremely cooperative and saw the exercises as a good training opportunity. She noted that all training modules were complete and that the training had received coverage in the news, including a front-page story.

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

Notification: No report.

Response: Pettingill said he had nothing in addition to Hardcastle's report.

Counseling: No report.

Laws and Policies: No report.

Funding: No report.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE: Johnson noted that there were several scheduling conflicts for the October meeting, so that meeting had been cancelled. He said the final meeting would be held Dec. 2, where the task force would review its final report before it is sent to the governor and legislative leadership. He asked task force members for their thoughts on what the group wanted to recommend for its future – a formal or informal structure.

Bird stated that finding out and responding to issues is beneficial, but that without a funding source, the task force doesn't need to exist formally. She suggested that campuses continue to be informed about NIMS and other initiatives.

Campbell noted that the Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference is a good opportunity for professional development in the safety and security areas and recommended that those issues be made a focus of the conference. Anthony said that could be done, especially in the breakout session format. He pointed out, however, that the conference is held every two years, and he suggested that other opportunities be sought out with groups such as the Regional University System of Oklahoma.

Bird pointed out that small campuses are especially in need of such opportunities because of their inability to afford to bring in speakers. She suggested an early spring conference focusing on safety and security. She said different campuses could host each year, with the assistance of OSRHE. Johnson said he also wanted to continue to team with CareerTech. The group agreed that an annual conference would be a good idea. Johnson added that there wouldn't be a formal nucleus in place to fight things like guns on campus, thus the need to retain cohesiveness for those situations.

Pettingill suggested that the group recommend to the governor-elect that the task force be continued. He said even if it doesn't, the chancellor could form a task force so the work could go on in some form.

Campbell noted that he would hate to lose the legislative advocacy provided by the task force. Hardcastle said that interested parties could continue to meet, facilitate projects and share -more-
information on an ad hoc basis. He added that the information on the CLASS website would continue to be maintained.

Pettingill suggested that, with the governor’s approval, the final report be forwarded to the governor-elect with the recommendation that the task force be continued.

Bird said she would be excited to have the task force extended.

McMurry noted that the guns on campus issue was still alive for students and that the task force could add emphasis to the students’ opposition.

Hargis said the task force served as a great repository of information that compelled campuses to do what they didn’t know they needed to do.

Johnson asked Hardcastle if a meeting before December would be needed to wrap up the final report. Hardcastle responded that he could provide an advance copy of the report to task force members for review so that December’s conversation could be very productive.

Bird asked Johnson where the task force members should send their thoughts about the future of the task force. Johnson asked that members should respond to him by Sept. 10.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Boatright updated the group on the emergency preparedness listserve, CERT training and the mental health collaborative.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.