

# UNIVERSITY *of* MISSOURI

CHANCELLOR'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS SAFETY (Campus Safety Committee or CSC)

**TO:** Linda Kaufman

**FROM:** Tim J. Evans, DVM and Todd Houts

**DATE:** 6/1/2015

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report

Below is the Annual Report of the Campus Safety Committee for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

**CHARGE:**

The charge to the Campus Safety Committee is to recommend to the Vice Chancellor for Operations policies and procedures relating to the safety and elimination of campus hazards.

*Note by Chair: The concepts of "safety" and "campus hazards" have been interpreted fairly broadly this year to include everything from pedestrian safety issues to sexual assault. One of the main functions has been to exchange information between operational units. There has been very active participation by the student membership of this committee this year.*

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

**Regular Members:**

Denice Adkins (Faculty)  
Cynthia Brown (Graduate Student)  
Samantha Chambers (Undergraduate Student)  
Amanda Clough  
Erma Drobniš (Faculty)  
Tim Evans (Chair and Faculty)  
Becky Fowler  
Bruce Harry (Faculty)  
J. Brian Houston  
Cassandra Schultz (Undergraduate Student)  
Brett Slaughter  
Paula Thies

**Ex Officio Members\*:**

Jeff Brown (John Haynes first half of year)  
Tim Hickman  
Todd Houts (Primary Staff Coordinator)  
Randy Huck  
C. John Poehlmann  
Doug Schwandt (Jack Watring first half of year)  
Kristen Temple

*\*Ex officio members represent specific operational units and might change during the year or be represented by alternates at meetings of the committee*

**Committee Staff:**

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

The Committee met three times during the academic year on November 13, 2014, February 4, 2015, and April 30, 2015

*Note by Chair: It is our intent to meet four times during 2015-2016 Academic Year*

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:**

**November 13, 2014 Meeting Discussion Topics**

**Operational Unit Reports:**

**a. Environmental Health and Safety-Todd Houts:** Explained reorganization to of EHS to focus on lab safety. Provost is encouraging an increased focus on laboratory safety. Discussed the transition within EHS to assist with this transition.

**b. MU Police Department-Jack Watring:** Three Clery reports have been issued in the last thirty days, (two were close to campus, one was on campus), including a strong arm robbery. Department has spent the last two days training with body cameras, this will roll out for all officers in week after this meeting.

**c. Campus Facilities-John Haynes:** Ramping up training for all campus facilities employees-asbestos, safety, CPR, etc.

**d. Intercollegiate Athletics-Derek Doolittle:** Tim Hickman did not provide anything specific for Derek to present. Jack Watring commented that arrests at football games are down due to no night games. There is a Friday game the day after Thanksgiving, and next year there will be a Thursday night game.

**e. Residential Life-Kristen Temple:** Discussed handling of students returning on Friday for football game.

**f. MU Health Care-Randy Huck:** Discussed Staff for Life Helicopter accreditation. Renovations have begun on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the old portion of the hospital. New building at Hickman. Clinics discussed, and Green Meadows will be moving elsewhere due to condition of the buildings. Update was given on MO Orthopedic expansion. The Patient Visitor Garage is open again.

**g. CAFNR-AES (Ag Experimental Stations) John Poehlmann:** Farms are in Harvest season, and prevention of related injuries are being addressed. Flip chart to show info about the various properties is being prepared. Deer Season is in full swing.

**New Business:**

**A. Pedestrian Safety Issues**

I. Champions Drive near General Services Building approved by EHS to avoid delay-Todd Houts discussed project with committee.

II. Audible Crosswalks: This is related to a blind student having trouble crossing the street. A request was submitted to the Disabilities committee. Derek Doolittle is on the Disabilities committee and shared some discussion on this topic to the committee. The chair called for a motion to support all new crosswalks be fitted with audible features and that all existing crosswalks be prioritized for upgrade with audible features. Todd Houts so moved, a second was received and the motion was approved.

III. Bus Traffic on Campus Streets-The Hitt street situation is less than ideal. There have been discussions with the city. Looking for alternative locations for bus stops, there really are not any. One suggestion is reducing or eliminating street side and metered parking on Rollins. Other options are being considered.

IV. Closed Section of Rollins-Tim Evans discussed email with the committee. Jack Watring discussed issues and solutions. Upgraded signage and the securing pins have been reengineered.

#### **B. Campus Safety Walk-Kristen Temple**

I. Discussion of report provided by Samantha Chambers. A comprehensive report is being prepared that will go above and beyond just the safety walk data. They are looking at adding another safety walk (one each semester-one east and one west). Also discussed the Title IX safety impact, lighting issues/adequacy issue verses the lighting standards. The Campus Safety Committee supports all follow up to the safety walks to see what actions have been taken in response to the issues found. Samantha Chambers said she plans to attend the City of Columbia City Council meeting regarding safety issues.

**Comments from Guests:** Brian Houston commented that a faculty member in communications is designing a survey that he would appreciate the Campus Safety committee supporting.

#### **February 4, 2015 Meeting Discussion Topics:**

##### **Operational Unit Reports:**

**a. Environmental Health and Safety-Dennis Elmore:** Discussed the new Laboratory Safety Program. There have been several additions to the team. A brief discussion was held regarding recent laboratory coat fire at Nano. Tim Evans had a few questions about the laboratory coat policy. A new Laboratory Safety committee has been formed.

**b. MU Police Department-Jack Watring:** The recent pedestrian accidents were discussed. Testing has begun on a virtual online emergency center. The department is also working with MU Alert and Title IX. A brief discussion was held regarding Clery-related issues.

**c. Campus Facilities-John Haynes:** Dobbs Group. Replacement project pedestrian issues were discussed. Couple of Energy Management projects are coming up. Steam line venting was discussed. Students are encouraged to use weather appropriate footwear. Routine training. There was a question regarding the recent power outage and it was addressed.

**d. Intercollegiate Athletics-Derek Doolittle:** No Report

**e. Residential Life-Kristen Temple:** Working on projects and Safety drills. A pilot installation of Alertus has occurred in Pershing Hall.

**f. MU Health Care-Randy Huck:** Hospital vehicle and people traffic is up. Renovating the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Teaching Hospital. Hoping to start new project this summer. A new building was opened recently. ER expansion increasing to around 56 rooms. New Physical Therapy clinics have opened recently. MU Hospital is now involved with Calloway Hospital. New Discovery Ridge Surgical hospital being planned. A brief discussion was held regarding the Student Health Building.

**g. CAFNR-AES (Ag Experimental Stations) John Poehlmann:** Not present - No Report

**h. Students MSA-Samantha Chambers:** Update was given on East Campus Safety Walk and a brief discussion was held.

#### **Old Business:**

**A. Need new motion on audible crosswalks and new vote because motion was presented by *ex officio* member:** Motion by Denice Adkins to support all new crosswalks be fitted with audible features and that all existing crosswalks be prioritized for upgrade with audible features- motion was voted on and passed.

**B. Update of CASE (College Ave Safety Enhancements)-**Todd Houts presented show and tell update on CASE issues-Recommendation from Tim Evans to do a mass email alert about pedestrian safety issues. There was a questions about how median changes will impact student welcome. A discussion was held about adding this to the Safe Mizzou website. Handicapped access was also discussed.

**C. Hitt Street Shuttle-**Tim Evans briefly presented the background. A solution was designed and implemented supposedly. Samantha Chambers reported that the solution has not been implemented consistently. Jack Watring will follow up on it. Still working on elimination of parking meters.

#### **New Business:**

##### **A. Pedestrian Safety Issues**

I. Walkway between baseball stadium and track and field was discussed-Todd presented a show and tell explain that an anonymous staff member pointed out that a rail should be extended along the walkway between the baseball stadium and Track & Field. Jack Watring suggested use of a temporary railing. Brett Slaughter moved that the committee formally recommend to Athletics that they investigate and remediate the issue. Motion Passed.

II. Pedestrian Accident on College (January 22, 2015)-Jack Watring provided details of the accident and discussion was held for potential solutions.

### **April 30, 2015 Meeting Discussion Topics**

#### **Operational Unit Reports**

**a. Environmental Health and Safety-Dennis Elmore:** Discussed driver safety training, working with international students to explain emergency issues, addressing tornado and severe weather education.

**b. MU Police Department-Doug Schwandt:** Doug Schwandt discussed the recent bomb threat at the Student Center and why MU Alert is not used in such instances. Provided a brief on the Hitt Street Garage incident, as well as recent use of MU Alert. Questions were raised as to whether SOPs existed for the use of the system and Schwandt confirmed there are. Schwandt also discussed the limitations of the current system. An update regarding a Clery report sent out regarding a group of individuals assaulting a student near Memorial Union was provided, and when Clery reports are required in general.

**c. Campus Facilities-Jeff Brown:** Provided a brief on the College Avenue Safety Enhancement (CASE) project to improve pedestrian safety across College Avenue. Provided information on projects that would be occurring on the Jesse Quadrangle and information on staff moving back into Jesse Hall. Also gave updates on the elevator addition to Turner Avenue Garage and the upcoming major remodel of the 1935/1944 portions of Lafferre Hall.

**d. Intercollegiate Athletics-Tim Hickman:** Discussed the convergence of several sporting events for the weekend following this meeting including a major baseball match, regional softball tournament and an SEC track and field meeting and the resulting issues relating to pedestrian and traffic safety. An update on the new softball field was provided as well as a reminder there will be a Thursday night football game in November.

**e. Residential Life-Jennifer McGarr:** Reminded committee members that once again there will be several streets on campus temporarily converted to one-way traffic to increase safety during Residence Hall move out. Also described upgrades being made to their emergency alerts systems to better integrate with campus.

**f. MU Health Care-Randy Huck:** Provided an update on constructions projects being undertaken by MU Health Care, including the second phase of the Missouri Orthopedic Institute. An update on the expansion of the emergency rooms at University Hospital and related issues regarding the helipad was provided. It was noted that there is now an MU clinic for physical therapy in Ashland Athletic Center.

**g. Students MSA-Samantha Chambers:** Update was given on East Campus Safety Walk and a brief discussion was held.

**Old Business:**

**A. Baseball Sidewalk:** Todd Houts noted he had not yet contacted Intercollegiate Athletics on this issue. Tim Hickman suggested that Houts touch base with Derek Doolittle.

**B. Hitt Street Shuttle:** The committee discussed the problem in general and Schwandt noted a traffic study by an outside consultant was being performed on the overall area.