MU Campus Safety Committee  
November 14, 2017

PRESENT

Members
Royce Barondes
Tim Evans
J. Brian Houston, Chair
Chris Seris
Paula Thies
Denice Adkins
Sam Worsley

Ex Officio
Jeff Brown
Dennis Elmore
Todd Houts
Rob Loseman
Colleen Lamond
Doug Schwandt
Kristen Temple

Support
Megan Thompson

ABSENT

Members
Renee Morrill
Ryan Alsop
Daniel Noonan

Ex Officio
Dusty Walter

1. Call to Order: Chairperson J. Brian Houston called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

2. Approval/Changes to Agenda: No changes were requested. Thies motioned to approve the agenda, Lamond seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Introduction of Members Present: Attendees took turns around the table introducing themselves to the committee.

4. Approval of September 14, 2017 Minutes: No changes were proposed to the minutes. Barondes motioned to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Thies. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Operational Unit Reports

   a. CAFNR-Ag Experimental Stations-Dusty Walter: Not present.

   b. Intercollegiate Athletics-Colleen Lamond: Reported on adding a state patrol officer at Mick Deaver/Stadium for large pedestrian crowd management. Schwandt contributed information regarding a report of a hazard near the stairs at the Life Sciences Incubator.

   c. Residential Life-Kristen Temple: Reported on the upcoming Residence Hall closure for break. Stated that six residence halls will remain open during break.
d. Missouri Student Association-Ryan Alsop/Daniel Noonan: Not present.

e. Graduate Prof. Council-Sam Worsley: No update.

f. Campus Facilities-Jeff Brown: Reported on winter weather preparation. Discussed the construction around Elm Street and the State Historical Society and the clean up there. Reported on construction on 9th and Elm and the potential for a pedestrian scramble to be placed there. Discussion of what a pedestrian scramble is. Reported that College Avenue will be milled and resurfaced by MODOT in the near future.

g. Environmental Health & Safety-Dennis Elmore: Reported on the completion of the departmental move to General Services Building and stated that the close proximity to the rest of Operations is already paying off. Reported on compressed gas usage on campus and the free compressed gas training class offered by Airgas (the primary vendor for campus). Stated that roughly ¾ of labs on campus use compressed gases. Reported on meeting tomorrow (11/15/17) with extension in cooperation with risk and insurance management to meet with the farm superintendents regarding safety at the MU Extension farms.

h. MU Health Care-Rob Loseman: Reported on the process of changing accreditation body from Joint Commission to DNV. Said that Joint Commission is a 3-year accreditation, DNV is an annual accreditation. Reported on the results of the DNV survey and the differences between the DNV process versus the Joint Commission process. Reported on the progress of the emergency department project and the MOI project. Houston asked about Boone Hospital, Loseman said that they are still gathering data and information. Said that there will be an operating agreement of some kind, but is unsure what it will say as of now.

i. MU Police-Doug Schwandt: Reported on camera system on campus solving some issues on campus and helping solve cases. Discussed alcohol poisoning cases and how these are handled, as well as the process for students and parents and how these cases are not pursued. Reported on crowd and pedestrian protection when it comes to large events. Further discussion of safety improvements for all of these items. Houston asked about Residential Life and Greek Life and how alcohol and safety issues affect these. Schwandt said that these are not university property and that they fall under Columbia Police Department jurisdiction. Discussion of alcohol prevention programs in Greek Life. MUPD does patrol and make alcohol arrests in the Greek community. Discussed number of Minor in Possession arrests per year. Further discussion of responses to incidents in Greek Life. Temple contributed on how student staff affects the number of 911 calls. Thies asked about house directors and their role. Schwandt said that some are more active than others are. Evans asked about a specific staff member.

j. MU Emergency Management (Todd Houts): Reported on refining on what has been inherited, what works, and what doesn't. Something that has been the most prominent is the recent active threat alert and how it was handled. Discussed that it was handled as it should have been but that they are responding to the criticism received with planned improvements. Reported on the group that went to Virginia Tech to learn about the best practices that they have adopted for handling emergency events. Discussed what was learned and what could be improved here. Discussed president Choi's decision to have a safety and security summit for UM System here.

Schwandt discussed the communications component that falls under emergency management. Discussed the MU Alert process and how information goes out. Discussed who makes the decision on what information goes out. Discussion of the decision making process for this.
Further discussion of the MU Alert process. Discussed the criticisms that were received about the process after the event. Discussed reasoning behind not locking down the campus. Discussed the "Where, what, and what to do" model. Temple discussed the "run, hide, fight" video and how the correct answer for how to respond to a situation can vary because of the size of the campus and where a person may be. Thies discussed responses from student workers and how they experienced the incident. Schwandt discussed the issues with academic side and how to universalize the response to incidents such as this. Discussed the difference between a crime alert and what MU Alert is supposed to be. Seris asked about a shooting across the street from campus and why no alert went out about that. Schwandt responded as to why and the various contributing factors.

Houts discussed reasons for not allowing people outside of the immediate campus community to sign up for MU Alert previously, and why this is no longer the case. Discussion of targeted trainings that streamline the response to events such as this and the process that has gone into this so far and where it is potentially going from here. Evans suggested having faculty, staff, and student representation at the summit that was previously mentioned.

Schwandt discussed using the phrase "white campus" as part of some warnings, and noted that many members of the campus were unfamiliar with that term. This reference will not be used in the future.

k. MU Safety Roundtable-Dennis Elmore: Left before report.

6. Old Business:

A. Email to Chancellor Cartwright regarding Emergency Management position: Houston noted that an email had been sent to Chancellor Cartwright with a recommendation that Mizzou should hire an emergency manager, as moved and approved by the committee at the previous meeting. The Chancellor has not responded that email. If the Chancellor does not respond in the near future, then the committee can discuss next steps by email or at the next meeting.

B. Other Old Business: Nothing to report.

7. New Business

A. MU Campus Alert Update and Process: See Item J under “Operational Unit Reports”.

B. Closed Campus traffic concerns (Concannon [see email], Houston): Email was sent to the whole committee about traffic issues at both Hitt Street and 9th street. Schwandt said that the closed campus issue has been around for a long time. Schwandt said that proactive enforcement is currently already in place but that without having someone posted there constantly it is difficult to enforce. Discussed the rate of pedestrian accidents on campus and the challenges associated with dealing with this. Evans asked if it would be feasible to monitor the areas to find out what the volume of violations is. Houts asked if someone is making observations, if they are actually counting people that are supposed to be there. Thies discussed the system at UGA. Brown said the difference is that UGA owns their streets, MU does not and has to alert the city. Schwandt discussed going ahead with monitoring the area and using that data to inform additional discussion at the next committee meeting.

C. Other New Business: Nothing to report.
8. **Comments from Guests:** None

9. **Future Meetings:** TBD-The committee discussed meeting in Late January/Early February then in April/May. Houts will send out a Doodle poll.

10. **Meeting Adjournment:** Motion by Evans to adjourn, seconded by Thies. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.