**CAMPUS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

**December 2, 2020**

The Campus Safety Commission met on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing. Co-Chair DeVetta Holman and Acting Co-Chair Jim Herrington convened the meeting at 9:05 AM.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Jim Herrington, DeVetta Holman Copeland, Branny Vickory, Saif Khairat, De’Ivyion Drew, Eric Muller, Charles Streeter, Kim Strom, Robert Campbell, OJ McGhee, Quinton Smith, Josh Romero, Leslie Kreizman (ITS), Chris McClure (Chancellor’s Office), Latesha Harris, Emily Blackburn (Chancellor’s Office)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Eric Muller and a second by Kim Strom, the minutes of the November 4 General Body Meeting were approved.

[A copy of these minutes is located at [csc.unc.edu](https://adminliveunc-my.sharepoint.com/personal/egbb_ad_unc_edu/Documents/CAMPUS%20SAFETY/MEETING%20MATERIALS/2020%20-%202021/8.5.20%20Meeting/csc.unc.edu)]

**OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Latesha Harris shared that the Office of Interprofessional Education and Practice is looking for students to join the Student Service Corps Team. For more information, visit the following link: <https://www.unc.edu/posts/2020/11/20/carolina-covid-19-student-service-corps-seeking-volunteers/>. This is a great opportunity to obtain essential skills in leadership. If interested, please email Amanda Gabbard at amanda\_gabbard@med.unc.edu.

Co-Chairs Jim Herrington and DeVetta Holman welcomed new member OJ McGhee to the commission and expressed their gratitude for accepting the Chancellor’s invitation.

**REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR KEVIN M. GUSKIEWICZ**

Thanks to all for the time, effort, and enthusiasm that has been put into this commission over the past 18 months and counting. Welcome to OJ – thank you for agreeing to serve. Also thanks to Brandon Washington for his service to this Commission and to the University at large.

We are continuing to move the needle – the issues that we are continuing to address are as important as they were when this committee was first convened. The Annual Report has been helpful in shaping the development of safety efforts across campus.

We have been in a global pandemic since March, and our students, faculty, and staff are feeling the strain of this environment. We have learned from our experiences in the Fall semester and will apply those lessons and the wisdom from other Universities to the plan for Spring semester. We have moved the spring start date to January 19 – no spring break but grouped wellness days are incorporated to help with stress. Residence calls will be single occupancy – roughly 3,500 students. We are implementing a robust testing plan and want to hear from there are ways that we can better communicate this plan to the greater community.

While we don’t have control over the path of the virus, we have received some uplifting news with the vaccine. There is a lot of optimism that widespread vaccinations will be available in mid to late Spring. The is uncertainty without a doubt, but we have adapted our plans accordingly and are prepared to pivot with an announcement taking place no later than January 9. We have some of the best experts in the country and I am grateful for their work along with the efforts of the Campus and Community Advisory Committee.

Your work building trust on campus is absolutely critical and continues to be vital to the success of our University. As a couple of final updates, we are continuing our search for a Chief Diversity Office and look forward to finding the perfect fit for this position with someone in place no later than July 1. Also, the Senior Violence Prevention Officer position has been posted and efforts are continuing to fill this role.

**DISCUSSION OF CHANCELLOR’S RESPONSE TO 2020 CAMPUS SAFETY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

The commission reviewed the document containing responses from the Office of the Chancellor to the 2020 Campus Safety Commission Annual Report and Recommendations.

Commission member De’Ivyion Drew noted that several of the recommendations have since been addressed and implemented by leadership that have had a positive effect on her experience on campus, namely some of the changes that have taken place within Campus Health and Counseling and Psychological Services.

Chief Perry was addressed and thanked the collaborative efforts of surrounding police departments that have been instrumental in providing safety and building trust in areas adjacent to campus, including but not limited to the greater Chapel Hill/Carrboro area and UNC Hospitals. Without this collaboration, progress would not be possible.

Acting Co-Chair noted that while most of these responses are considered adequate, there are areas for the subject-specific subcommittees to identify and review outstand responses that could be further pursued with greater goals in mind. Co-Chair DeVetta Holman noted that there is certainly room for subcommittees to be “more aspirational” when looking at these responses to see where greater progress can be made.

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**PROPOSALS AND UPDATES FOR 2020-21 SUBCOMMITTEES**

Commission members were charged with reviewing the proposed subcommittee’s members, purpose, and charge and report back to the Co-Chairs prior to the December General Body Meeting with any edits, questions, or concerns.

Following these conversations, Acting Co-Chair Jim Herrington introduced an informal proposal to combine the subcommittees on “Conditions of Racism on African American Students” and “Discrimination, Inclusion, & Belonging” which would subsequently combine members Charles Streeter, Latesha Harris, and Quinton Smith into this newly merged entity. Member OJ McGhee expressed interest in the subcommittee “Conditions of Racism on African American Students” but will investigate all subcommittee opportunities and will report back to the co-chairs with a preference at a later time.

Several committee members expressed hesitancy in merging these two groups due to the possibility of each individual subcommittee’s purpose. Additionally, others expressed that the intersectionality between the two subcommittees could allow efforts to be streamlined. Committee members have agreed to meet outside of the general body meeting to determine an alternate proposal to the merging of the aforementioned subcommittees.

**COVID-19 Response (Eric Muller, Desiree Rieckenberg, Saif Kharait)**

Current efforts are being directed towards reentry testing and the expectations, process, and accessibility aspects of these plans. The initial announcement of testing protocols created some questions and a desire for greater clarity, so the Roadmap Implementation Team is prioritizing this need in its current meetings.

A newly implemented requirement for students to share their updated anticipated location of residency and contact information has been implemented in order to inform the surveillance, reporting, and testing initiatives for the spring semester.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Emily will send out a link to collect the commission’s availability for a meeting in early January.

Co-Chair DeVetta Holman thanks Acting Co-Chair Jim Herrington for this service to the commission while Frank Baumgartner has been away. The commission at large thanked Jim for his dedication to our efforts and look forward to welcoming him back as a member in the spring.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Co-Chair Herrington called for a motion to adjourn. De’Ivyion made the motion; Latesha Harris seconded, and it passed. Co-Chair Holman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.