

Constitution

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Campus Safety Commission

Article I – Name

Section 1. Title: The name of this commission shall be “University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Campus Safety Commission”

Article II – Purpose

Section 1. Mission Statement:

The Campus Safety Commission was created in 2019 in response to a “crisis of trust” on campus. Restoring trust by fostering an environment of inclusion and belonging for all members of the campus community is therefore fundamental to the mission of the Commission. The mission of the UNC-Chapel Hill Campus Safety Commission is to provide vision and guidance to the University in the delivery of campus safety services to the University community.

Members of the Commission actively facilitate communication and work to develop a mutual understanding of roles and expectations between the community and campus police. This Safety Commission is advisory to the Chancellor, while serving as a conduit for relaying information and concerns about campus policing policies, practices and related actions to the University administration and police. This is a highly collaborative partnership that provides thoughtful insight into the safety and security needs of our diverse campus community by offering input and feedback related to police activity on campus. The Commission shall: Assess the campus climate and culture around campus safety, provide vision and guidance to the University in the delivery of campus safety services, engage in communication and develop a mutual understanding of roles and expectations between the community and UNC Police, and serve as a conduit for relaying information and concerns about campus policing policies, practices and related actions to the University administration and UNC Police.

Section 2. Responsibilities:

- This Campus Safety Commission will be advisory to the Chancellor and the Chancellor’s senior leadership team
- The Commission should strive for a highly collaborative partnership that will provide thoughtful insight into the safety and security needs of our diverse campus community by offering input and feedback related to campus safety.

- The Commission will not provide direct oversight or management over UNC Police. Existing University policies, procedures and practices for dealing with complaints will continue to be utilized; however, the Commission will provide recommendations for improvements to such policies, procedures and practices.

Section 3. Specific Duties:

- To serve as a liaison between UNC Police and the broader University community.
- To provide valuable input on policies, programs and initiatives designed to enhance campus safety.
- To receive complaints from the campus community regarding campus safety.
- To function as a sounding board for UNC Chief of Police on various issues and/or areas of concern for the University community and the broader Chapel Hill/Carrboro communities.
- To be informed on investigations or reviews involving campus security.
- To prepare an annual report for the Chancellor on Campus Safety Commission activities.
- To promote and or facilitate campus programming which undergirds the overall safety and well-being of UNC students, staff and faculty.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. Active Members:

- All appointments shall be for two academic years, and all members are eligible for two terms of reappointment. Student appointments may vary in length depending on graduation/student status.
- Two or three co-chairs will lead the Commission, with no more than one from each group: students, faculty and staff.
- The co-chairs may create subcommittees or other working groups to address specific issues, as necessary.

Section 2. Membership Rules of Order:

- This Campus Safety Commission will consist of students, faculty, staff, and members of the local community.
- This Commission abides by UNC-Chapel Hill’s Non-Discrimination Policy, which states that membership and participation in the organization must be open to all individuals appointed by the Chancellor without regard to age, race, color, national origin, disability,

religious status or historic religious affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Membership and participation in the commission must also be open without regard to gender.

Section 3. Gaining Membership:

- Founding members have been appointed by the Chancellor, and the Chancellor will appoint replacement members as well. Members of the Commission or campus community may nominate future members by bringing them to the attention of the Office of the Chancellor.
- Members must generally be available to attend monthly meetings.
- In advance of each semester, Members should examine their upcoming schedule to ensure that it will permit regular attendance. If they see that it will not permit them to participate in at least 2 meetings during a semester or 5 during an academic year, they should notify the Co-Chairs, who can then confer with them about whether they wish to resign, allowing the Chancellor to appoint another Member to complete their term.

Section 4. Removal of Officers:

- Officers can be removed by a two-thirds vote from the commission, excluding the officers who would be removed by the vote. In such a circumstance, the removed officer retains their membership in the Commission but is removed from their leadership position. Leadership positions include: Co-chair of the Commission or chair or co-chair of a subcommittee.

Article IV – Meetings

Section 1. Frequency of Open Commission Meetings:

- This commission shall meet once per month during the academic year and at least once during the summer. All meetings during the academic year will be scheduled at the beginning of the academic year. All meetings of the Commission will comply with state open meeting requirements. However, the commission and sub-committees have the ability to call special meetings. Special meetings of the Commission must be approved by two-thirds of the Commission at least two days before the special meeting. Special meetings called by sub-committees shall not require a vote.

Section 2. Closed Commission Meetings:

- The Commission may vote to convene in closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-318.11 (a) (1) (to prevent the disclosure of privileged information under Section 126-22 and the following); and also pursuant to Section 143-318.11 (a) (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), and (9).

Section 3. Quorum

- A quorum shall consist of six members of the Commission.
- No votes shall be taken during any meetings when a quorum of six members of the Commission is not present.
- In the absence of a quorum, Commission members may discuss Commission business, but may not take votes, approve policies, or make other binding decisions.

Article V – Selection of Co-Chairs and Sub-Committee Chairs

Section 1: Selection Procedures:

- The Chancellor selects the co-chairs of the Commission. The Commission may propose recommendations for co-chairs to the Chancellor.
- Commission co-chairs select any subcommittee chairs or co-chairs and provide the charge that defines the subcommittee’s work.

Article VI – Funds

Section 1. Allotment and Approval of Funding:

- Sub-committees and the Commission shall request funding as needed from the Office of the Chancellor or from other sources.

Article VII – Ratification and Approvals

Section 1. Ratification Procedures:

- Changes or Amendments to this Constitution shall be approved only by a two-thirds majority of those voting.
- Proposals discussed in the Commission, including recommendations to the Chancellor, items to be included in the annual report, or other matters (excluding changes or amendments to this Constitution discussed in the previous bullet point) shall be approved by a majority of those voting.

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