

MINUTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL PAC MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010, 8:30 A.M.
AL SNIPES BOARD ROOM

Present: President Sechrist, Dianne Broyles, Paul Buckelew, Michael Punches, Darin Behara, Cheryl Stanford, Mike Reeves, Denny Myers, Joan Sublett, Lori Johnson, Sally Strebbig, Virgil Teter, Jason Howard, Lydia Rucker, John Claybon, Tino Ceballos, Paige Landreth, Pat Berryhill, and Stu Harvey.

Absent: Terri Walker, Michael Machiorlatti, Cecilia Pittman, Akram Taghavi-Burris, Luther Trent, Nicholas Webb, Tamara Duncan, and Alexandra Wilkes.

President Sechrist welcomed the President's Advisory Council (PAC) representatives to the meeting.

President Sechrist explained that the purpose of this special PAC meeting is to discuss the incident on Friday, February 26th. President Sechrist stated that College security officers responded quickly and appropriately during the incident in accordance with the information that they had at the time. However, the miscommunication, activation of the fire alarm, and the accidental firing of a gun by a security officer were unfortunate and unacceptable. Therefore, he asked Dr. Jerry Steward to lead a comprehensive review our security, including procedures and training. The College has also engaged outside expertise to assist with the review. President Sechrist stated he has also established a Timely Emergency Communications Taskforce to review the emergency communication plan and make recommendations for improvement. The Taskforce will meet on Friday mornings beginning March 26, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., until the end of the spring semester, and will be jointly led by Ms. Vicki Gibson and Dr. Marion Paden. The Taskforce will include faculty, staff, and students.

President Sechrist then invited PAC representatives to share their observations, ask questions, and offer recommendations. Many PAC Representatives expressed appreciation to the Safety and Security department for their timely response on the day of the incident. Many PAC Representatives also stated that the emergency training they received provided them with the knowledge they needed during the incident and they expressed their appreciation for this training. PAC Representatives also shared the following thoughts and recommendations:

- Is the shelter in place the best practice?
- Is there a way to contact employees and students not on campus?
- How can employees be certain that the all clear notice is real?
- Is there anything that can be done about the library rooms 120 and 122, which are glassed in?
- There needs to be a better way to notify employees that a situation is all clear and that they can come back into the building after being asked to go outside during a fire alarm.

- Can a security guard be assigned to work at the John Massey Center (JMC)? Currently, the JMC building is not patrolled during the day.
- Some employees that were the last to exit their safe rooms on the 4th floor of the Library after the incident were fearful because there was no one else in the Library and there was not a security officer present. It would be nice to have a security guard in the buildings after all clear notices are sent, just to be there and reassure employees that it is in fact okay to leave.
- Some employees have discussed that if an armed intruder came into their areas, they might try to stop them and neutralize the situation. This might be a problem during a time when College security officers are sweeping areas and entering locked safe rooms to look for the armed person.
- A request was made for an assessment of the fire safety procedures, since we do not have fire drills but only tornado and shelter in place drills.
- A request was made to keep our security officers armed but to invest in more training.
- A request was made to invest in more phones for all shelter rooms. Some employees were in their assigned shelter rooms without any way of hearing the all clear notifications.

President Sechrist thanked the PAC representatives for their input and indicated that the minutes of the meeting would be forwarded to those conducting the reviews. The meeting was then adjourned.