University Task Force
On Safety

Open House
May 23, 2013
Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Discussion and Feedback following Safety Town Hall (4/4/2013)
- Task Force Process
- Task Force Charge & Findings
- Discussion and Dialog
Task Force Membership

Charles Rowley, Chair

Faculty
- David Glidden, Professor of Philosophy
- Subir Ghosh, Professor of Statistics
- Mary Droser, Professor of Geology

Students
- Kevin Jo, ASUCR, Vice President of Internal Affairs
- Osama Khan, ASUCR Community Relations
- Danae Gmuer-Johnson, PhD Candidate, Anthropology
- Henry Huang, GSA President

City of Riverside Representatives
- Lieutenant Andy Flores, Riverside Police
- Andy Melendrez, Riverside City Councilman
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**Staff**
- Tim Willette, Staff Assembly President and FBO Policy Analyst
- Samantha Jobelius, Academic Program & Development Analyst, School of Education

**Safety, Police, Transportation, and Housing Representatives**
- Romanie Arterberry, Student Affairs Officer
- Mike Lane, Chief of Police, UCR
- John Freese, Asst. Chief of Police, UCR
- Russell Vernon, Director of EH&S
- Susan Marshburn, Executive Director of Housing Services
- Greg Artman, Interim Director of Parking Services
- Sarah Sharp-Aten, Assistant Dean, Student & Facility Services
Discussion concerning Safety Town Hall Meeting of 4/4/2013 and Actions Taken
Task Force Process

What was the general process of coming up with the safety initiatives?

The Safety Task Force structured its dialog around three general topics: promoting safety in areas around the campus, enhancing safety on campus, and improving communications with faculty, staff, & students about safety issues and resources. Safety Task Force members (faculty, staff, students, city representatives) were encouraged to think about and share potential suggestions in each area. The group’s discussions during meetings, in many cases, enhanced and improved various proposals. No proposals or suggestions were excluded from the report.
Task Force Process

- Will there be any political accountability for lawmakers of the city to implement these?
  - UC Riverside and the City are clearly striving for the same goal; specifically, to increase the safety and security of the Riverside community in general and of UCR’s faculty, staff, and students in particular. Although the Task Force did not discuss City accountability per se, the Task Force is very interested in reviewing which initiatives are adopted and their impact on safety during the upcoming academic year.
Task Force Process – Response to Highlander Reporter Questions

Why is it that so many of these initiatives come at a high cost, as indicated in the list? Is the Task Force working within a specific budget?

The Safety Task Force was not asked to constrain its proposals or suggestions based on cost or complexity. As a result, the Task Force proposed several initiatives in the potentially “high cost” category. However, almost 60% of the proposals are in the “low or medium” cost categories, so the campus has a wide spectrum of potential projects to consider and adopt. The Task Force was not provided a budget and UCR’s leadership team will determine the final mix of initiatives that are undertaken next academic year.
Task Force Process

Some of the initiatives appear to go beyond the scope of just robberies and sexual assault prevention (some seem to penetrate into student life and culture). How do these initiatives pair up with crimes typically reported on campus?

In order to promote open and vigorous dialog, the Safety Task Force did not limit itself to any particular safety related topic, and all proposals and suggestions were included in its report. Importantly, the Task Force did not focus on student life / culture issues, but rather on safety and security. For example, the Campus Safety Walk is an important event that allows UCR’s students, staff, and faculty to identify areas around the campus that could be made safer. The alcohol discussion centered on how the use of alcohol might negatively impact campus safety (for example, via impaired driving).
What are the more complex initiatives included in the list?

The Task Force classified proposals as “highly complex” whenever they required interactions with non-UCR entities. For example, the placement of “open area cameras” on City property around the campus was identified as complex given that multiple City agencies must coordinate their efforts with UCR. Of course, this is not to say that UCR should not undertake complex projects; rather, the complexity is noted only to set expectations relating to resources and time.
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Task Force Charge

- To review and comment on existing UCR programs, initiatives, and efforts to provide a safe and secure campus environment.
- To provide specific comments on UCR’s and the City of Riverside’s various partnerships to provide safety and security in the areas immediately surrounding the campus.
- To provide specific comments on UCR’s physical environment, campus policies, and other areas where safety might be enhanced.
- To provide specific comments on safety related communications and messaging and ensuring campus faculty, staff, and students are aware of and utilize all resources available to them to enhance safety.
- To prioritize any and all observations, thoughts, and input and communicate which potential actions might have the greatest benefit in addressing those areas that pose the most significant risk to the UCR community.
TASK FORCE FINDINGS
Discussion & Dialog