

Campus Safety Academic Senate Discussion

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Quote

“What would you have done if you got an alert saying there were armed suspects on campus? Would you run out into the open campus – putting yourself and your students in danger of becoming the target by adding more fleeing people to the campus grounds and hampering police efforts to apprehend the real suspects? Perhaps lock yourself down in a classroom that does not have locking doors?” (Joanie Dybach, 10/13/18)

Goals

- To discuss campus safety concerns from a faculty perspective
- Identify specific concerns that need addressing
- Work with faculty, administration, staff, students, and public safety officers to establish solutions to these problems
- Implement these solutions in a timely manner

1. To discuss campus safety concerns from a faculty perspective

- Bring issue to Academic Senate
- Bring issue to AFA
- Begin discussions at department meetings, PCC, DCC, PFF, others???

2. Identify specific concerns that need addressing

- All departments should have this as a discussion item at their next dept. meeting
- Most concerns are site, building, or classroom specific

Many concerns already identified

- *Lack of permanent police presence in Petaluma*
- *Insufficient or malfunctioning lighting*
- *Lack of locks on offices and classroom doors*
- *Instant notification of crime*
- *Formal lockdown procedure and training*
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3. Develop an institutional response to concerns

- Task Force
- Borrow best practices or models from other institutions
- Embrace National Campus Safety Awareness Month (Sept)
- Use of PDA day devoted to Campus Safety and Training
- Things we already do per Dr. Chong's email 10/17/18: Campus Safety Strolls, Lighting, Safety Trainings, TRC assessment

4. Implement these solutions in a timely manner

- Talk needs to turn into ACTION
- Timelines MUST BE established and TRANSPARENT
- Many concerns can be addressed immediately

Quote

The best education in the world is useless if a student [or faculty member, or staff, or administrator] doesn't survive with a healthy mind and body.

— Connie and Howard Clery