Faculty Senate Campus Safety and Security Committee (FSCSSC)

Annual Report 2025-2026

The Faculty Senate Campus Safety and Security Committee (FSCSSC) met seven times during the Fall 2025 – Spring 2026 academic year (August 2025 through April 2026). FSCSSC meetings were held on the 4th Monday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meetings were conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams, with the October 2025 meeting held at the UCF Emergency Operations Center to facilitate a tour of Public Safety facilities. Jason Phillips served as Committee Chair; Thomas Dolan served as Committee Vice-Chair; and Mr. Joseph Thalheimer served as Committee Administrator, Ex Officio. A Microsoft Teams channel was utilized to support the FSCSSC. Meeting agendas, minutes, and supporting documents were maintained within the FSCSSC Teams channel.

These are the items which the FSCSSC addressed during the 2025-2026 academic year:

Conducted elections for Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Reviewed and finalized the Campus Safety and Security Initiatives Additional Funding Resolution and advanced the committee's safety and security funding resolution through Faculty Senate governance channels.

Received an update regarding 2025 hurricane season preparedness and emergency planning efforts at UCF.

Discussed concerns regarding the placement of classroom and laboratory room identification placards following findings and recommendations identified in the Florida State University Active Shooter After-Action Report. Evaluated optimal placement locations for room identification signage to improve emergency reporting and situational awareness during lockdowns and emergency incidents.

Discussed ongoing pedestrian safety concerns involving electric scooters, e-bikes, and other micromobility devices operating on campus. Evaluated concerns regarding near-miss incidents involving electric scooters and e-bikes operating in pedestrian areas. Received an overview from UCF Police Department Deputy Chief Scott Freeman regarding pedestrian safety initiatives and enforcement efforts.

Received a briefing from UCF Police Department regarding the September 2025 hoax threat email and the process used to assess threat credibility and coordinate with federal law enforcement partners.

Discussed responsibilities and procedures associated with fire alarm evacuations and identifying authority responsible for issuing an "All Clear" following emergency events.

Hosted Andrea Gandy, Director of Enterprise Risk & Insurance, who provided information regarding golf cart safety training, operating expectations, and risk management considerations. Discussed golf cart operations on campus sidewalks and opportunities to improve operator awareness and safety practices.

Conducted a tour of the UCF Emergency Operations Center and UCF Police Department to familiarize committee members with campus public safety operations and emergency response capabilities.

Received an overview from UCF Police Department regarding lessons learned from the Brown University active assailant incident and discussed comparisons to emergency preparedness, communications, and response practices at UCF.

Discussed crisis communications, media relations, Clery Act implications, and institutional response considerations associated with campus violence incidents.

Received an overview of UCF's Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) process from UCF Emergency Management. Learned how threat and hazard risks are identified, scored, prioritized, and incorporated into university emergency planning efforts. Reviewed factors influencing hazard analysis including geography, historical incidents, and emerging threats.

Discussed prospective committee topics for the 2026-2027 academic year, including regional campus security initiatives, micromobility concerns, legislative developments impacting higher education safety and security, the Guardian Program, campus carry proposals, and the Fortify Florida application.