



Faculty Senate

Parking, Transportation and Safety Committee

Minutes for meeting of February 22, 2021, 11:30 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

1. Attendees: Daniel Topping <Daniel.Topping@ucf.edu>; Faculty Senate <fsenate@ucf.edu>; Ahmad Elshennawy <Ahmad.Elshennawy@ucf.edu>; Brett Meltzer <Brett.Meltzer@ucf.edu>; Carl Metzger <Carl.Metzger@ucf.edu>; Elizabeth Hamilton <Elizabeth.Hamilton@ucf.edu>; Elizabeth Horn <Elizabeth.Horn@ucf.edu>; Gary LaPage <Gary.LaPage@ucf.edu>; Ivan Divliansky <ibd1@creol.ucf.edu>; Jessica Wickey <Jessica.Wickey@ucf.edu>; Michael Valenti <Michael.Valenti@ucf.edu>; Paul Goldwater <Paul.Goldwater@ucf.edu>; Ron Weaver <Ron.Weaver@ucf.edu>; Sai Deng Sai.Deng@ucf.edu
Cc: Anand Rampersad <Anand.Rampersad@ucf.edu>; Steven Freund <Steven.Freund@ucf.edu>
2. Committee member Michael Valenti raised discussion on Opioid overdoes medication (Narcan®, Naloxone) availability/utilization at UCF. He noted that he had previously presented to the Dean of College of Nursing on distributing Narcan to students and that he had received a grant that would fund distribution of Narcan to UCF students free of charge. There was discussion as to whether this would increase drug use, but Valenti referenced research indicating this is not the case. Chief Metzger noted that UCF is the first Central Florida Agency to carry Narcan. Prescriptions are needed for Narcan and Dr. Deichen signed off on Narcan going to UCF Police. There was additional discussion from Daniel Topping on the prevalence of opioid overdose incidents in Seminole county.
3. Steven Freund from UCF Dept. of Security provided an update on access control and cameras. Committee was briefed on efforts to replace more than 100 older failing cameras in 2020, as well as the addition of cameras in Parking garages B, H, Libra, the downtown parking garage, Business, Engineering, Classroom I, Nicholson School, Millican Hall and around Memory Mall. Committee was also briefed on access control upgrades including perimeter door access, timely locking/unlocking, day/time=restricted access, automatic deprovisioning, lockdown capabilities, and the decommissioning of disparate systems.
4. There was discussion regarding reports of inadequate safety camera coverage in UCF parking garages. Committee would like to stress the importance of these measures and the urgency we feel in remedying the issue. Older parking decks/lots certainly present a considerable funding challenge that the committee is sensitive towards. However, the committee strongly encourages prioritizing the modernization and expansion of camera coverage across all parking facilities on campus to ensure our students and community are well protected.
5. Chief Metzger – Discussion regarding UCF Police Staffing.



Faculty Senate

6. Chief Metzger noted that UCF Police is down 9 sworn officers compared to this time one year ago. Chief Metzger noted that the current number of officers is acceptable for COVID conditions. However, to maintain normal campus operations, this number cannot drop any lower. Chief Metzger also noted that they are currently down one officer, and another will retire in June. Chief Metzger noted that the UCF PD need four more officers than what have now just to tread water in preparation for the fall semester but will in fact still be down 8-9 officers from a year ago. In preparation for the fall semester UCF PD is expediting administrative processes to have new officers hired and trained by fall, but training duration will be maintained (takes 9-12 months to hire and train an officer). UCF PD hiring of new officers is an approved exception to hiring the freeze. Hoping training will be complete before fall.