Members Present: Jeff DeWitt, Gen Arce, Phara Bayonne, Tom Smith, Steve Casapulla, Sangmeet Kaur (representing Debbie Gunzelman), and Rod Wilson

Members Absent: Ian Hollis, Shahanara Shahjahan (student), Tom Wood

Call to order: Jeff DeWitt called to order and led the meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) at 11:30 a.m. in Room 106.

1. Old business

a. (OPEN) Panic buttons on campus. Need for panic buttons that ring directly to UConn-Police or Storrs.

- Secure Technologies Inc. (STI) completed a site survey on June 9, 2015. Meeting was attended by Steve Casapulla (Facilities) and Tom Smith (UConn PD).

- 35 locations have been identified in the initial site survey
  (3) Library information desk
  (2) Co-op
  (3) Counseling Center offices
  (2) Welcome Center information desk
  (5) Bursar's office
  (10) Student Services
  (3) Director's office
  (6) School of Business
  (1) Café

- Need UConn Public Safety funding approval.

b. (OPEN) Calculate and post capacity in all rooms on campus to ensure compliance with UConn Fire Code.

- Received e-mail from Mike Makuch, UConn FD, on June 29th stating much of the work has been done. He will put together what he has and arrange to complete the project.

c. (OPEN) Post room numbers by emergency phones inside each room.

- This project has stalled and will be done in conjunction with posting room capacity.

d. (OPEN) Need a public address or mass notification system for the campus.
- Need quotes from 3 companies before requesting funding.
- Need UConn Public Safety assistance with standards, design and acquisition.
- Meeting was held on June 11, 2015 with the Office of Emergency Management at Storrs and our concerns about this being the primary security/safety vulnerability was shared.

e. (OPEN – pending progress of final housing location) Results of the 'Director's Advisory Group Expansion Committee – Safety Subcommittee: issues discussed in that meeting continue to be relevant to this committee. Recommendations from that group related to Public Safety:

- Need for increased police presence and visibility on campus.
- Pedestrian areas around campus. City of Stamford has plans to re-engineer traffic signals in the city.

2. New Business:

a. (OPEN) Blue phone in Whitey Heist Park inoperable. The phone is temporarily covered to prevent use. UConn PD working with Mercury Electronics to repair the phone.

b. (OPEN) Emergency phone list in garage. Phara Bayonne recommended an emergency phone list be posted on the first floor of both stairwells facing University Blvd.

c. (CLOSED) Possible tutoring of minors in Café area. A person unaffiliated to UConn has been conducting tutoring sessions in the Café area of the concourse. Some of his clients appear to be close to or under 18 years old. Contact was made with the individual. He is tutoring Stamford High School students with the approval of the Stamford Public Schools. He is using UConn because the Ferguson Library doesn’t open until 11:00 a.m. The UConn Attorney General’s office was contacted by the Office of the Director on July 20th to find out whether this activity is legal as it pertains to minors on campus. In addition, a determination as to the legality of using space whose primary purpose is for official business and for UConn students to eat meals. The response was that there is no policy regarding minors on campus. If there isn’t a disturbance, then all is perfectly legal. Information passed to UConn PD.

d. (OPEN) Active threat training scheduled. UConn Police have committed to teaching two sessions of their “Active Threat” training. Training sessions are 2 hours long. Sessions will be at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.
Members of the campus leadership team have committed to being involved either personally or by sending someone in his or her section. Request committee members help in spreading the word and encouraging involvement. This includes student workers. If previously attended, recurring training related to safety and security is always a good idea.

e. (CLOSED) Emergency phone in the library. Phara Bayonne expressed concern over not having an emergency phone in the library. Follow up with Matt Proulx from Technology Services revealed areas with typical office handsets don’t have emergency phones also. Redundant methods of communication aren’t necessary when office handsets can perform the same function. Emergency phones are for areas with no other means of communication such as classrooms and common areas.

f. (Information only) Campus police radio change. Our campus police can now communicate directly with dispatch at Storrs. This will have a positive effect on response time to incidents.

 g. (Information only) Blue phone operations. All blue phones are set up to roll to Storrs Police dispatch after ringing 3 times.

h. (Information only) UConn Office of Emergency Management (OEM): The UConn OEM is undergoing an overhaul starting with policy and procedure rewrites. The new focus will include training and recurring/refresher training.

3. Meeting adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

4. Next meeting: The next quarterly meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2015 at 11:30 a.m., room TBD.

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