Members Present:  Jeff DeWitt, Gen Arce, Shahanara Shahjahan (student), Steve Casapulla, Sangmeet Kaur (representing Debbie Gunzelman)

Members Absent:  Ian Hollis, Tom Wood, Phara Bayonne, Tom Smith, and Rod Wilson

Call to order:  Jeff DeWitt called to order and led the meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) at 11:05 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.

UPDATE (10/19/15): Quote for $18,026.03 and 35 locations sent to Andrew Langlais with the UConn Police Department at his request. Campus will defer to UConn PD at Stamford and the Campus Director on prioritization of locations.

UPDATE (10/26/15): This committee recommends at least one device in each of the locations listed in the first phase of installation. The committee also recommends adding the CITI office reception desk as a location for one device.

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.

**UPDATE (9/21/15):** Lt Pat Selburg from the UConn FD on campus to measure and calculate capacity in several classrooms. He was unable to get to all rooms due to classes. Sent Steve Casapulla list of additional rooms to be measured.

**UPDATE (9/29/15):** Request sent to Lt Pat Selburg in the UConn FD to let us know what the citation is from the fire code that addresses the hallway in front of Welcome Center desk and the hallway in front of the A1/MPR. Capacity relates to the evacuation of the 2nd and 3rd floors into that area however any evacuation shouldn’t go through that area but through one of the four protected stairwells in the corners of the building.

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.

**UPDATE (10/26/15):** This will be completed when the room capacity list is finalized.

d. (OPEN) Need a public address or mass notification system for the campus.

   http://www.e2campus.com/higher-education/emergency-notification-system-ualert
   http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/article/desigo_mass_notification_solution/notification

   - 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.

**UPDATE (10/26/15):** Systems like this are quite expensive. Technology may have overcome the need for a voice-based system. The alert.uconn.edu system already in place using text messaging, may be all the campus needs. The committee feels a defined solution should be made public as soon as possible.

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.
UPDATE (10/26/15): This committee is on hiatus due to unforeseen delays in the residence hall construction project.

f. (CLOSED) 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.


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


h. (CLOSED) 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.

UPDATE (10/26/15): Training was well attended. High marks for the instructor -- Officer Dan Petsa. He has also been invited back by Ingrid Semaan to address some of the needs in the Women’s Studies program. Closed.

i. (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.

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

k. (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.

2. New Business:

a. (Information only) University Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting @ Storrs on 10/16/15:
   - Sexual assault reporting has increased. RAs and protocols in place are working. Prevention is a focus on the campus such as through the bystander initiative.
- There is an app in development for students to report safety and facilities concerns.
  - Eleven new officers have been hired and are in the academy.
  - University will be moving to an Everbridge texting system. All 43,000 users will be seamlessly transferred to the new system. System will be called “UConn Ready”. This meets Chief O’Connor’s goal of ‘one platform, one budget, one approval’.
  - Meetings for the university PSAC will be held twice per semester – first will be early in the semester and the second towards the end. Next one will be in mid December.

b. (OPEN) Fire drill for fall semester. A date in early November will be selected for the next campus fire drill. Details will be sent in a separate e-mail. UConn PD to attend and observe. Goal is safe evacuation through the four fireproof stairwells, use of the safe evacuation area at St. Andrews Church on Washington Blvd., and communication at each stage of the drill.

c. (CLOSED) Bus stop location. Positive feedback from the group regarding the added safety of the new location of the bus stop onto Broad Street. Some concern heard from students regarding pickup/dropoff still occasionally happening on Franklin Street. Administration will look into that.

d. (OPEN) Loitering in the café seating area by non-students. The committee spoke at length about whether there is anything that can be done about non-students using the microwave, asking for money, asking for cigarettes, etc. As the committee understands it, the Police are unable to ask people to leave unless there is a disturbance.

3. Meeting adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

4. Next meeting: The next quarterly meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 17th, 11:30 a.m., room TBD.

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