BOR Workgroup on Campus Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness

July 1, 2010 Meeting Notes

Regent McMillen called the workgroup meeting to order.

Mr. Mosca provided a status report on the follow up audit reviews of campus EPPs. USM institutions have made a lot of progress in meeting the standards established by BOR policy. Mr. Mosca provided the workgroup with detailed charts indicating each BOR policy and status of implementation on each USM campus, i.e. implemented, in process, or not implemented. Most policies were either implemented or in the process of being implemented. The Office of Internal Audit will conduct follow up audits every 6 months until institutions are in full compliance.

David Mitchell, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, UMCP, provided a presentation on a recent national report by the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Department of Education and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on targeted violence at institutions of higher education. The purpose of the report is to gain a better understanding of violence at institutions of higher education and identify ways of preventing future attacks. Chief Mitchell reported that the majority of acts of violence on college and university campuses are against people, often between individuals who have some type of relationship.

Regent McMillen expressed his concerns about recent crime incidents on the UMCP campus. Chief Mitchell reported that they are working on reducing crime in and around the UMCP campus. Regent McMillen also expressed his concern that these incidents will result in a reputation that UMCP is not a safe campus. Chief Mitchell agreed that safety at UMCP was an important part of marketing the campus.

The workgroup concluded the meeting, noting that it was the last meeting of the workgroup. However, the institutions will continue to be audited to ensure the BOR policies are being met. It was also noted that the BOR Education Policy Committee receives annual reports on campus crime.