

September 30, 2024

Safety & Security Committee Minutes

- **Clery Act Compliance:** Lisa Skelly-Barnes and Vanessa Schenking provided an in-depth overview of the Clery Act, emphasizing its importance for campus safety and transparency. They highlighted the act's requirements, including crime reporting, timely warnings, and annual security reports, to ensure the community is informed and protected.
 - **Clery Act Overview:** Lisa Skelly-Barnes and Vanessa Schenking detailed the origins and purpose of the Clery Act, borne from the tragedy of Jeanne Clery's murder, to ensure transparency in campus crime reporting and safety policies. They explained the act mandates daily crime logs, annual security reports, and timely warnings for ongoing threats, aiming to keep the campus community well-informed and secure.
 - **Act Requirements:** The presentation covered the specific requirements of the Clery Act, such as the publication of an annual security report by October 1st, documenting three years of campus crime statistics, and the need for crime prevention and awareness policies. They also discussed the necessity of issuing warnings and alerts for crimes and threats to public safety.
 - **Compliance Penalties:** They emphasized the significance of compliance, noting potential penalties for non-compliance, including fines up to \$70,000 per violation, loss of federal funding, and the institution's name being reported to Congress, as highlighted by the recent \$14 million fine imposed on Liberty University.
- **Yale Security Updates:** Duane Lovello discussed updates on Yale Security, including new university protocols for peaceable assemblies and protests, and improvements in camera coverage across campus. He highlighted the introduction of free expression facilitators and security managers to handle events more effectively.
 - **Peaceable Assembly Protocols:** Duane Lovello elaborated on the new university protocols for managing peaceable assemblies and protests, noting the relative calm compared to peer institutions and detailing the recent street closure and rally events. He highlighted the collaborative efforts in policy and protocol development involving university leadership, aiming for clarity and improved policy accessibility.
 - **Security Managers Role:** Duane Lovello introduced the role of security managers and free expression facilitators (FEFs) in handling assembly

events, explaining their extensive training and the strategic withdrawal of police from initial responses to reduce the potential for conflict and ensure a measured approach to campus assemblies.

- **Camera Coverage Improvements:** Duane reported on efforts to enhance camera coverage in key areas of campus, including cross campus and major thoroughfares, to address identified gaps and optimize security. He mentioned the completion of the Lot 47 project and ongoing collaborations with the City of New Haven to share camera views and improve security visibility.
- **Health System Security:** Nick Proto updated on the health system's security initiatives, including the completion of the infant protection security program across the health system and the ongoing development of an armed intruder video for staff training.
 - **Infant Protection Program:** Nick Proto shared the successful completion of the infant protection security program, Hugs System, across Yale New Haven Health System facilities, ensuring the security of newborns in labor and delivery areas. He praised the system's effectiveness, citing an incident where the security measures were proven to work.
 - **Armed Intruder Video:** Nick Proto updated on the progress of developing an armed intruder video, intended for staff training to enhance preparedness for potential security threats. The script approval is pending, and filming will commence soon, with the goal of distributing the video to all relevant staff, including clinical learners.
- **Shuttle Service Extension:** George Longyear provided an update on the efforts to extend shuttle service to Olive Street, noting challenges such as driver shortages but affirming the commitment to implement the service modification by the end of the calendar year.
 - **Shuttle Service Plans:** George Longyear discussed the ongoing efforts to extend the shuttle service to Olive Street, detailing the challenges faced, including a significant shortage of drivers impacting transit operations. He assured that despite these hurdles, the team is committed to introducing the route modification by the end of the year.
 - **Service Impact Considerations:** He mentioned that the planned changes would also affect other existing routes, necessitating a comprehensive review to ensure compliance and coordination before implementation. The team is developing a communication plan to inform the community once the service extension is finalized.

- **Town Hall Planning:** Maia James and Peggy Atherlay discussed preparations for the upcoming town hall meeting with New Haven PD, emphasizing the importance of community engagement and feedback through surveys to address safety and security concerns.
 - **Town Hall Preparations:** Maia James and Peggy Atherlay outlined the steps being taken to prepare for the town hall meeting with New Haven PD, including gathering questions from the community through surveys. They stressed the significance of engaging with the community to ensure their safety and security concerns are addressed during the town hall.
 - **Community Engagement Focus:** The discussion highlighted the need for active community participation in the town hall, with an emphasis on soliciting feedback and questions in advance. This approach aims to facilitate a productive dialogue between the community and New Haven PD representatives.
- **Safety and Security Survey Results:** Maia James shared preliminary results from a safety and security survey, indicating staff awareness of safety resources like walking escorts and the LiveSafe app. The need for more faculty and student responses was noted to better understand their safety concerns.
 - **Survey Preliminary Results:** Maia James presented initial findings from the safety and security survey, revealing that staff members are generally aware of available safety resources, with walking escorts and the LiveSafe app being the most recognized.
 - **Faculty Response Importance:** The survey results underscored the importance of obtaining more responses from faculty members and students to ensure their perspectives and safety needs are adequately represented and addressed in future safety and security initiatives.
- **Community Feedback on Safety:** Christopher Digioia expressed appreciation for the improvements in safety and security, noting a significant reduction in safety concerns among the medical school community, which reflects positively on the collaborative efforts of the safety and security teams.

Follow-up tasks:

- **Shuttle Service Extension:** Finalize and communicate the new shuttle route plan to the community. (George Longyear)
- **Armed Intruder Video:** Coordinate with the health system to ensure distribution of the armed intruder video to all learners in clinical settings. (Paul Greeley & Nick Proto)

- **Safety and Security Survey:** Encourage faculty and students to submit responses to the safety and security survey for better resource allocation. (Maia James & Peggy Atherlay)