

## Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Faculty Safety;

The Committee continued to meet once each of the fall 2014 and spring 2015 terms. The committee is advisory, and recommends actions to administration taking into account faculty input concerning safety issues, and serves as a point of coordination for different constituencies.

The committee consists, as determined by Senate, of four teaching faculty, two administrative faculty, and relevant administrators (Chief Administrative Officer, Chief of Police, Vice President for Student Affairs, Assoc. Vice President for Marketing and Communication). The following issues were discussed in Spring 2015:

1/ Training: The Chief Administrative Officer (Bachoo) has met with administrative staff (large meeting in Davidson auditorium), as well as new faculty and will begin to meet with departments (e.g.: Modern Language, Philosophy). There was a Powerpoint (previously distributed to members of our committee) and a favorable reception of the information. This will continue through the term and next year. Dispatch personnel have been trained on Everbridge. Action: meetings will continue for Fall 2015.

2/ Testing: The system was tested in April: Everbridge (replacing MIR3 for notifications), Alertus (on computers logged into CCSU network), and Whalen (horn only, no voice, as external "fire alarm" equivalent). Action: A feedback report from McLaughlin is available. Issues noted include questions about the 555-555-5555 phone number which does not have a caller ID associated with it. Recommendation: faculty should include this number in their cell phone directory with "Emergency CCSU Message" or the equivalent, which will then appear on their phone when an incoming call arrives. Improvements will be made to Everbridge to prevent truncated or garbled messages, and decrease any gap between Whalen alerts and the arrival of first warning messages. The order of arrival of modal alerts (text, email, phone) may vary from person to person depending on their phone services.

3/ Poster: McLaughlin circulated a poster based on the design we looked at last year. We agreed to have the poster, modified to CCSU specifications posted in classrooms and offices. Sneed also has a proposal he will circulate. Action; still in process.

4/ Pamphlet: We discussed revisions to the pamphlet produced last year. There was a discussion as to whether to have a detailed insert page with all phone numbers of members of the four groups mentioned on p. 1, or just one phone number after each group is mentioned. We agreed on the latter as more focused. The pamphlet was updated with other minor revisions. Action: the revised pamphlet will be available for distribution in the fall.

5/ We agreed to meet at least once a term. There will be a report to Senate later in the term, at which time it will be proposed to make the committee permanent.

### Actions to take:

1/ We recommend that the committee be recognized as a standing committee, given its usefulness in allowing for faculty input to the campus safety process, and as a venue for updating information to various constituencies of measures being taken.

2/ One teaching faculty member has resigned from the committee and needs to be replaced.

David Blitz, Chair, 05/01/15