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**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA  
CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**SLIFE BALLROOM, COMMONS  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA  
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA**

**Committee Members Present**

Rachel Johnson, Chair

Nancy Boettger, Vice Chair

John Cool, Assistant Administrator, Iowa School for the Deaf

Scott Beckner, Assistant Vice President and Director of Public Safety, University of Iowa

Reginald Stewart, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, Iowa State University

Paula Knudson, Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Northern Iowa

The corresponding memorandum for each agenda item and audio recording of the committee meeting are available on the Board of Regents website at <http://www.iowaregents.edu/>.

**Call to Order**

Chair Johnson called the Committee meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2**

The minutes from September 6, 2017, as presented, were accepted unanimously by the Committee.

**Agenda Item 3**

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Rachel Boon provided the Committee with an update on the Campus Safety and Security Summit. Dr. Boon stated that registration is open with a link on the Board of Regents website. There will be two keynote speakers, as well as community presenters and breakaway sessions on topics ranging from Title IX to civil discourse on campuses. Chair Johnson encouraged everyone to attend.

**Agenda Item 4**

Chair Johnson recognized the student body presidents from all three universities and they presented safety concerns that affect students on their respective campuses. UNI Student Government President, Jamal White, presented on the insufficient accessibility for disabled students, bias in the reporting team and response protocols, and improvements that are needed for Title IX training and the importance of enabling students to report violations. University of Iowa Student Government President, Jacob Simpson, presented information on the pervasiveness of sexual assault on campus as well as alcohol and drug use. Iowa State Student Government President, Cody West, presented on the lack of security infrastructure, improvements needed for Safe Ride, the need for more officers on campus, and the lack of a recovery unit for substance abuse. Regent Boettger thanked the speakers for sharing their concerns.

**Agenda Item 5**

Chair Johnson recognized three committee members who presented safety needs they have observed at their universities and some of the actions taken to make improvements. University of Northern Iowa Vice President of Student Affairs, Paula Knudson, acknowledged student need for safety in mind, body, and spirit. She presented on the protocols and response to free speech versus hate speech, the need for a cultural change in response to sexual harassment, and the stigma and fear associated with mental health issues. Iowa State University Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Reginald Stewart, discussed the need for foundational knowledge on these issues. He presented on free speech versus hate speech and crowdsourcing solutions, the need for increased yet nuanced police presence, and working with the City of Ames to address issues while students are off campus. University of Iowa Director of Public Safety, Scott Beckner, discussed the barrier between police and students. He also shared information about the Shell Program, Better Men Better Hawkeyes, and the expansion of the Nite Ride program. Iowa School for the Deaf Assistant Administrator, John Cool, shared details about a theft that occurred on campus and the need for cameras and lights. He also provided information on student training from the Deaf Iowans Against Abuse organization, accreditation student surveys, and officer training of students in the standard response protocol.

**Agenda Item 6**

Board Counsel Claeys discussed the reevaluation of the Board's Campus Safety & Security Report. She requested volunteers to work with her and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Boon to review Clery and other reports to see if there is a better way to provide this information to the Board.

**Agenda Item 7**

Chair Johnson requested volunteers to form small work group to determine the next steps. Regent McKibben discussed the importance of collaboration between the universities, legal counsel, law enforcement, local communities and city government. Regent McKibben proposed that by February this committee could have a meeting with the entire board to present a plan for 2018.

Chair Johnson adjourned the Committee meeting.