REVISIONS TO CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT

Action Requested: Recommend to the Board of Regents the following:

1. Direct the universities to annually submit to the Campus Safety and Security Committee the Jeanne Clery Security and Fire Safety Report (Clery Report).

2. Direct the universities and the special schools to annually provide the Campus Safety and Security Committee with report on additional safety and security matters of significance that are not contained within the Clery Report; including, safety and security goals, smoking ban violations, student involvement in campus safety initiatives, and use of force.


Executive Summary: During the February meeting, the Campus Safety and Security Committee received information on the form and content of the Board of Regents Campus Safety and Security Report (BOR Report) as compared to the Clery Report. Each report contains information in the areas of staffing, mass communications, relationships with local law enforcement entities, physical security capabilities, training, use of force/firearms, and crime statistics. The Clery Report contains the following categories of information not currently included in the: policies for reporting crimes; community outreach programs; fire safety; evacuation and relocation procedures; and policies on illegal drugs/alcohol, sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking. The BOR Report contains the following information not currently included in the Clery Report: student engagement efforts, smoking ban violations, safety and security goals, threat assessment and management, and reports from the special schools.

Iowa State University Chief of Police, Michael Newton, and Board office staff provided the Committee an analysis of the scope and substance of each report. It was reported that for each area that is duplicated in both reports, the Clery Report provides more comprehensive and in-depth information. In the area of crime statistics, it was noted that differences in categories and definitions of crimes resulted in perceived reporting discrepancies and created a potential for confusion. Staff advised that the Clery Report presents the more accurate and complete data set relevant to an institution of higher education. While the BOR Report provides valuable information specific to the Regent institutions, the Clery Report contains substantially the same information in a format that can be readily compared to reports from institutions of higher education across the nation.

Current Board of Regents Policy Manual contains a comprehensive Campus Safety and Security Policy that includes annual reporting requirements in identified areas. Historically, the Regent universities have fulfilled this requirement separately from federal reporting requirements under the Jeanne Clery Act. To assure that the Board of Regents receives timely, comprehensive, and relevant information, while eliminating reporting redundancies and discrepancies, it is recommended that this Committee propose the following revisions to the Board of Regents Policy Manual:
Section 4.13.D.iv – Each university shall annually submit to the Board of Regents its Jeanne Clery Campus Safety and Fire Report. In addition, each institution shall annually report on the status of safety and security to include: Safety and security goals, smoking ban violations, student involvement in campus safety initiatives, and use of force to include: mass communications capabilities; threat assessment and management; physical security capabilities; and training of institutional personnel.