

Ad Hoc Committee on a Civil, Safe and Open Environment  
November 20, 2007

Committee Attendees:

Brian Aungst  
Sandra Chance  
Steve Hoffstetter  
James Klausner  
Mark Rush  
Mike Seigel  
Kim Tanzer

Absent:

Leslie Jean  
Lola Bovell attended briefly by telephone

Invited Guests:

Vice President and General Counsel Jamie Lewis Keith  
Chief Linda Stump, University Police Department  
Lt. Stacy Ettl, University Police Department

Chair, Professor Kim Tanzer called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

The minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting were approved, with noted changes by Professor Tanzer, by a unanimous vote of those members in attendance at that meeting.

Professor Mike Seigel and Mr. Steven Hoffstetter made a power point presentation entitled "Issues Related to Health, Security and Safety at the University of Florida," which included a discussion of UF policies on security, safety and use of force, as well as similar policies at peer institutions. Professor Seigel and Mr. Hoffstetter discussed the presentation in detail. A copy of their presentation materials is attached to these minutes.

Professor Klausner raised the need for the committee to receive advice from medical experts on the safety of tasers, as well as expert advice on the quality and reliability of the reports on taser safety and risks, including advice on the reports' methodology and conclusions. Professor Tanzer agreed that the committee should obtain the advice of medical and research experts and noted this as an action item.

Chief Linda Stump and Lt. Stacy Ettl gave a power point presentation on the University-focused mission of the UF police department, the use of force guidelines for law enforcement officers in Florida and at the University, the training received by officers both at the academy and after being sworn into the UFPD, the less than lethal response options available to officers facing violent individuals and physical resistance including use of the taser, clarifications of the UFPD's policy regarding taser use that are underway, and the review, enhancement and greater formalization of protocols for event management at the University. The UFPD considers the

taser to be an important tool for protecting members of our community from those who are seeking to harm themselves or others, as well as for protecting officers from harm. The UFPD reports that tasers are the only option available to them to obtain reliable compliance from individuals in these situations without using lethal force. Chief Stump and Lt. Ettel discussed the presentation in detail. A copy of their presentation materials is attached to these minutes.

Professor Tanzer indicated that there was a lot of information covered at the meeting and asked Chief Stump and Lt. Ettel to attend next week's meeting to give the committee time to review the information and ask questions.

Professor Tanzer noted that the committee should also discuss at the next meeting the dimensions of the progress report that it will deliver to the President by the end of the semester.

Professor Klausner indicated that he will be absent from next week's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.