

Campus Safety Advisory Committee Annual Report – Academic Year 2021-2022

Meeting Dates: 2/18/2022, 2/24/2022, 3/11/2022, 4/1/2022 and 5/11/2022

Committee Members:

Chief Daniel Daugherty
Coryn Voels
Dr. Jill Bandura
Dr. Jeanne Radigan
Dr. David Vitt
Dr. Brian Kelly
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Dr. Deanna Devlin
Dr. Svetlana Tlupova
Dr. John Gross
Dr. Alireza Dalili
Dr. Andrea Xu
Dr. Emily Fogarty
Dr. Jack Thomas
Steve Samuel - student
Isabella Staehlin- student
Christine Corio – student
Derek Lang – student
Alexis Pisano - student

Guest Presenters:

Dr. John Nader, President of Farmingdale State College (2/24/2022 mtg)
Dr. Laura Joseph, Senior Vice President and Provost of Farmingdale State College (2/24/2022 mtg)
Dr. Tino Posillico, Professor (3/11/2022 mtg)
Julie Goble – representing the Farmingdale State ADAPT Coalition (3/11/2022 mtg)
James Daly, adjunct GIS Professor (3/11/2022 mtg)

Introduction

This year's Campus Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) underwent some structural changes. In an effort to appoint six faculty members to the Campus Safety Advisory Committee, the Farmingdale Executive Committee (FEC) sought self-nominations for one full-time faculty member from each of the following areas: School of Business, School of Health Sciences, School of Engineering Technology, Arts Division of the School of Arts and Sciences, Sciences Division of the School of Arts and Sciences, and faculty at large. Subsequently, six members were appointed and five students were also selected to serve on the committee alongside the existing members.

Meeting with Dr. Nader and Provost Joseph about Possible Changes to COVID Protocols

On February 24, 2022 Dr. Nader asked the Campus Safety Advisory Committee to meet to discuss possible changes to the SUNY policy regarding Covid restrictions. Dr. Laura Joseph was also present in the meeting and provided insight into concerns for protecting both faculty and students. The

main modification being sought to SUNY's Covid policy was the abolition of the campus-wide mask mandate. A robust discussion was had with the committee about the pros and cons of dropping the mask mandate. Both sides of the debate presented their concerns and Dr. Nader was appreciative of the feedback and informed the committee that he will also be meeting with FEC to discuss the proposal the next day.

Hotspot Mapping and Environmental Scanning Project

Julie Goble, from the Farmingdale ADAPT Coalition, spoke with the CSAC about a project she was spear heading and wanted to see if the CSAC could assist with. The project involved "Hot Spot" mapping and a subsequent Environmental Scanning piece. Beginning in early January 2022 surveys were given out to students and employees requesting 3 areas that they feel are safe on campus and 3 areas of concern. All of these points were plotted on a map. Ms. Goble demonstrated the campus map with all points of concerns and safe areas plotted. James Daly, an adjunct GIS professor who was invited to the 3/11/2022 CSAC meeting, and CSAC member Emily Fogarty, furthered the conversation by offering their assistance and demonstrated a more detailed mapping program that Ms. Goble could utilize. This software program had already been purchased for use by FSC. Enhancements to the project (plotting light poles, use of actual campus photos) were discussed, as well as ways the CSAC could assist. Ms. Goble detailed the next phase of the project which was to physically walk these locations cited by those who completed the surveys and enhance the information on the safety map. The CSAC was invited to take part in these environmental scans and Chief Daugherty suggested it could be one of CSAC's meetings. On May 11th, 2022 members of the CSAC conducted the campus wide walk-through with Ms. Goble and Mark Orlich from the physical plant. A few locations were observed where individuals had voiced general concerns such as bees/yellow jackets in populated areas, signage issues and handicap access. Mark Orlich provided valuable insight which included the frequent placement of bee/yellow jacket traps, increased signage and he informed the group about the complete campus-wide ADA compliance project that was initiated. The predominant sentiment from the committee was that, while there are always improvements that can be made, Farmingdale State has a very safe campus.

Safety Video collaboration with the Student Affairs and Services Committee

Professor Tino Posillico, representing the Student Affairs and Services Committee presented to the CSAC about creating emergency readiness training videos for use in a new-student orientation program. Additional videos could also serve other functions that were discussed, such as, brief individual videos for each campus building detailing safety features, exits and emergency meeting places outside of the building. These could also be used in interactive maps that students and college employees could access. A subcommittee was created to work with Prof. Posillico's committee and create new safety videos. The project has begun and scripts for an orientation safety video are being developed.

Conclusion

The projects and collaborations that the Campus Safety Advisory Committee have undertaken will go a long way to providing for a safe and secure environment at Farmingdale State College. The committee looks forward to continuing these projects and taking on new ones in the upcoming academic year.