

Campus Safety Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 2/9/2023

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Chief Daniel Daugherty
Coryn Phillips
Chloe Madlinger
Brain Kelly
Justina Geremia
Edward Huang
David Vitt

Guests:

President John Nader

On February 9th 2023, members of the Campus Safety Committee and special guest President John Nader convened for the 1st campus safety meeting of 2023. Chief Daugherty welcomed all the members and President Nader and discussed the point of the meeting:

- In early September, a young lady was crossing Route 110 from Target, back to campus. She did survive but sustained serious injuries, such as pelvic fractures/ multiple broken bones. She had to be airlifted to the nearest hospital. She is now undergoing extensive rehab. The current intersection has been reviewed by campus officials, University Police, Town of Babylon, Dept of Transportation, Suffolk County DPW, etc.
- Members of the Campus safety committee did a walkthrough of the Route 110 intersection and had previously discussed issues and possible solutions to fix the problems with the intersections.

Following the walkthrough solutions were discussed and actions were taken;

- The college asked the State, TOB (Town of Babylon) and Suffolk County for a speed study on Route 110 to be done
- DOT will begin work to address traffic beginning in approximately May 2023.
- Campus has started cutting down shrubs on the corner of the intersection to increase visibility- More visibility for cars making right hand turns from Route 110 to Melville Road, as well as for students walking down the Hill from campus to the intersection.
- Member Chloe informed the committee that there was a new concept for a poster that will be used primarily at the Residence Halls to stress the importance of using sidewalks and crosswalks and crossing Route 110 at the Smith Street light.

The Chief discussed the results of the survey that was sent out to all of the campus safety committee members in regards to traffic on campus. The results of the survey included:

- Voted the worst solution- Lowering the speed limit to 20 MPH on campus
- Voted as favorable alternatives- Placing Plate readers at all of the entrances onto campus, more speed bumps on campus roads as well as smaller speed bumps places in parking lots, Increasing police presence in parking lots or on campus roads, increasing the number of stop signs on Cipriani Drive (the road around campus) and the use of digital radar signs- telling drivers their speed (Two have already been installed at campus entrances).
- A stop sign was added to the road around campus next to the facilities building. A stop sign will also be installed on the opposite side of the intersection as well.

President Nader left meeting and members were asked if there were any new issues to be discussed.

- Member David Vitt discussed the new walkway that has been installed by the SOB building. It is a new textured walkway, which is very nice however pools water and becomes extremely icy and slippery. – Solution is to contact grounds and physical plant to let them know and to be sure to put down rock salt or sand.

No other issues mentioned.

Chief Daugherty informed the committee that the Department will be creating a community Response officer within University Police. The officer will be a community policing officer who will attend events and be more visual within the campus community.

The Chief also let the committee know that the “Ride Along” program will be coming back. The “Ride Along” program is an opportunity for Farmingdale College students to ride in a police vehicle along with a Farmingdale University Police officer while the officer is on duty.

Meeting concluded.