

## Campus Safety Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/28/2022

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

### Members in Attendance:

Daniel Daugherty  
Coryn Phillips  
David Vitt  
Deanna Devlin  
Jill Bandura  
Chloe Madlinger  
Stephanie Cayo  
Edward Huang  
Brooke Walker

Chief Daugherty welcomed all the returning Safety Committee members and introduced the new members.

Chief Daugherty explained that the purpose of the committee, is to address any concerns, that campus members bring to the committees' attention. The F.E.C. has created a new committee that will also be handling safety. There is one major topic that will be discussed today, but a few updates on last year's issues:

- Julie Gobel has left Farmingdale, before we could finish discussing campus safety program. Unsure if anyone will be replacing her.
- There has been Police staffing changes.
  - The University Police officer exam was given again in September. The State has increased advertising, etc to increase diversity. Encourage more people of color to take exam. Statistics show that numbers have increased statewide.
  - We are currently hiring off the old officer list. New list results are not in as of yet.
  - We have hired a new dispatcher and will be hiring another one.
  - The University Police Dept had a meeting with NAACP groups on campus regarding police presence on campus and has asked to have more meetings with officers.

Chief Daugherty asked if anyone had any Safety Concerns they would like to discuss:

- Jill Bandura asked if there could be more police presence near the stop signs by the bus stops on campus. There has been an increase in individuals running stop signs.
  - Chief Daugherty will increase patrol.
- Deanna Devlin asked if patrols could also be increased in the Gleeson parking lot. There has been a vehicle continuously yelling inappropriate things at women. Chloe Madlinger also asked if patrol could be increased in Lot #18.
- Edward Huang also expressed his concern over speeding in parking lots.
  - Chief Daugherty will speak with the Lieutenants to increase patrols in all parking lots.

Chief Daugherty clarified the major topic that needs to be discussed.

- In early September, a resident student 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. The current issues include:
  - o The right turning lane has a yield to merge sign- No stop sign.
  - o There is no walkway on the North side of the intersection.
  - o There are a number of trees and bushes blocking the view of any pedestrians/ vehicles.
  - o There is no sidewalk on any side of Melville Road, or along Route 100 on the campus property.
- The College is looking into a number of solutions to prevent this from happening again.
  - o Enhancing social media, geared especially toward Residence Students, to use crosswalks!
  - o Remove bushes and trees that are blocking line of sight
  - o DOT- Build out the lane to be a turning lane and remove the yield.
  - o Installation of fence that will go around the field where Orchard Residence hall is
  - o The installation of a crosswalk at the Melville Road and Route 110 intersection, crossing over Route 110.
  - o Installation of cameras and increased lighting

The Chief asked the committee for their approval on suggested solutions and committee members were all in agreement.

The Chief suggested that a criminal justice class, etc could help with positive signage to encourage students to use crosswalks when crossing Route 110. Deanna Devlin will present at Faculty/Staff meeting.

Also asked the committee to come up with any thoughts/concerns/suggestions in regards to the intersection.

An Email with a doodle poll will go out to the committee members to schedule the next campus safety meeting sometime before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.

End of meeting.

