UNIVERSITY SECURITY AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE - Proposal

Background

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f)) is the landmark federal law, originally known as the Campus Security Act that requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. The law is tied to an institution’s participation in federal student financial aid programs and it applies to most institutions of higher education both public and private. The Act is enforced by the United States Department of Education. Possible consequences for an institution’s non-compliance with the Clery Act include:

- A suspension or limiting of the institutions Title IV funding
- The Department of Education may issue a civil fine up to $38,500 per violation
- The institution may suffer reputational loss due to negative media attention
- Failure to comply with the Clery Act can be used in various litigation matters

Justification/Rationale for establishment of the University Security and Compliance Committee

The Clery Center for Security on Campus\(^1\) recommends that institutions formally charter Clery Compliance committees to ensure full compliance with the Clery Act. The formation of such a committee at University of Idaho would both ensure Clery Act compliance and aid the University Office of Public Safety’s commitment to creating and maintaining a safe environment for the UI Community and those who visit. Establishing the Security and Compliance Committee would also help broaden awareness of security issues facing the University of Idaho and help enhance policies and programs that support a secure campus environment.

Proposed Charter - FSH 1640.95

The University Security and Compliance Committee (USCC) is charged with ensuring the University’s compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), and planning and facilitating activities that support a safe and secure living, learning and working experience. USCC will focus on accurate disclosure (reporting of Clery crime statistics) and implementation of best practices regarding safety policies and procedures. The USCC will conduct an annual review of all reportable crimes prior to submitting crime statistics to the U.S. Department of Education. The committee will also perform a thorough review of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASFR) prior to its publication.

The USCC shall meet a minimum of three times each year. Topics will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Review updates to the law, policies and procedures related to security and Clery Act compliance
- Ensure timely collection of Clery crime statistics from applicable jurisdictions
- Recommend enhancements to security policies
- Identify programming efforts and recommend improvements.
- Review crime and disciplinary data to avoid report duplication.
- Conduct a final review of the data elements for the ASFR and recommend policy changes.
- Confirm procedures for distributing the ASFR.

\(^1\) The Clery Center for Security on Campus a nonprofit dedicated to preventing violence, substance abuse and other crimes on college and university campuses across the United States
Proposed Membership

Executive Director, Office of Public Safety & Security, Chair – Voting

Staff Affairs - Voting
General Counsel - Non-Voting
Dean of Students Office- Voting
Moscow Police Department- Voting
Two faculty members - Voting
One non-Moscow representative (faculty/staff) - voting
Title IX Coordinator - Voting
EHS Fire Safety Specialist - Voting
Two undergraduate students - voting
Graduate Student - voting