Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Commons Center, Multipurpose Room

Present
Bailey, Christina
Behnam-Gilani, Ali
Bonner, Stacey
Boyd, Barbara
Brady, Al
Campbell, Linda
Choate, Corey
Christian, Briana
Clark, Maura
Crawford, DeAnna
Crimi, Cathy
Darling, Shelley
Dixon, Michele
Engstrom, Steven
Foutch, Leslie
Harrell, Rachel
Heaton, Ashley
Hicks, Chris
Howry, Nat
Johnson, Faye
Johnson, Judy
Jones, Eric
Kasinger, Jake
King, Amanda
Kissinger, Lauren
Kovash, Michelle
Latham, Vickie
Lester, Frank
Mandeville, Jenny
Miltner, Damon
Murphy, Amy
Newell, Tanish
Parkinson, Kyle
Pickert, Don
Pulcini, Ally
Reynolds, Dana
Richter, Andy
Robinson-Wright, Monique
Rose, Susan
Sanchez, Monica
Smith, Susie
Stanard, Ray
Street, JJ
Teaford, Jeremy
Thomas, Anna
Uson, Rae
Vazna, Stella
Weisbrodt, Cathy
Washam, Glenda
Wocher, Melissa
Young, Deirdre
Zidank, Debbie

Did Not Attend
Boyce, Kim
Brown, Kenneth
Carlson, Robin
Carney, Kathy
Ely, Courtney
Fox, Anita
Goode, Donald
Hamilton, David

Hammonds, Deborah
Hull, Rae
Lockett, Midori
Loudon, Jeff
McChesney, Bailey Garrett
McKinney, Rhonda
Murphy, Lori
O, Ali
Parkinson, Kyle
Payne, Philip
Pickert, Donald
Poynter, Lisa
Pring, Michael
Ramos-Lewis, Andrea
Reynolds, Dana
Riddle, Dawn
Rider, Jill
Roberts, Janet
Ruiz, Carlos
Schmittou, Lorna
Seezen, Karen
Soren, Carol
Stokes, Kiley
Thomson, Jaclyn
Wall, Anne
Williams, Dustin
Wilson, Cliff

Sent Regrets
Ashon, Zeben
Brassil, John
8:30 a.m. President, Rachel Harrell, called the meeting to order.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Motion to approve August meeting minutes approved.
- Vote to approve Shelley Darling as Secretary for 2015-16, approved.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS & REPORTS

Membership, co-chairs Susan Rose and Anna Thomas
- Susan announced the following September birthdays: Charlotte Siegel, Chris Grabiel, Ali O’Leary, Jenny Mandeville, Pam Gilpin and anyone else who may have been missed. Happy Birthday to all!
- Membership had their first meeting last week.
- Susan presented the September Member of the Month Award to Tara Williams for her quick work of organizing greeters.

Staff Life, co-chairs Andy Richter and Al Brady
- Andy reported that the staff poll is scheduled for September 14, 2015.
- The committee explored creating a Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee but found that Faculty Senate already has done so. A couple of members will be identified to serve on this committee.
- The next CARE event will be held on November 17, 2015 at 12:00 noon. Tim Corbin, Head Baseball Coach will be the presenter.

Events, co-chairs Wynn Jeter and Michael Pring
- Rachel reported for the absent co-chairs.
- The annual Employee Celebration Tailgate is set for Saturday, September 19, 2015 before the Vanderbilt/Austin Peay football game.
- Volunteers will be needed for this fun event.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Benefits: Nothing to report.
- Traffic and Parking: Nothing to report.
- Athletics: Nothing to report.
GUEST: August Washington, Vanderbilt Chief of Police

Police Chief August Washington:
Chief Washington has been at Vanderbilt for 6 years. His main job at Vanderbilt is Chief of Police for the Vanderbilt University Police Department. Chief Washington’s job will not change by the split between the university and the medical center. Accompanying Chief Washington was Major Rick Burr, Campus Manager and Johnny Vanderpool, Manager of Emergency Preparedness and Project Manager for SafeVu.

Vanderbilt University Police Department Facts:
- 93 Commissioned Officers (trained just like metro police officers)
- 85 Community Service Officers (program allows for growth and better understanding of the needs of the Vanderbilt community)
- 3 Precincts: One Hundred Oaks, Medical Center Precinct and Central Campus Precinct.

Specialty Units:
- K-9, Criminal Investigations, Special Events and Emergency Preparedness

The Vanderbilt Police Department is very diverse. The department hires and promotes from within from the Community Service Program.

There are currently 5 openings.

Each precinct is run by a major. Major Rick Burr runs the Campus Precinct.

The department manages over 400 special events a year on campus.

VUPD Accreditation:
- The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) – Only 52 universities in the US have achieved the highest accreditation.
- International Association for Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA)
- Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA)

In the state of Tennessee, Vanderbilt is the only university to have all three accreditations.

Rick Burr, Campus Precinct Major:

Safety and Security:
- Campus Precinct has 33 sworn officers and 26 non-sworn CSOs
- Targeted Staffing (coverage, response times, visibility)
- The small radius of Vanderbilt University and the high number of officers allows for targeted staffing.
- There are 4 zones, East, West, South, and Zone 26 (perimeter)
- Average response time is 2-3 minutes.

Community Service Officer Program
- This program is all about service to the Vanderbilt community.

Access Control/Panic Alarms
- Mandated by the Cleary Act.
- VUPD works closely with plant ops to maintain AlertVU.
- Used for ongoing and imminent threats.
Security Notice
Viewed as a tool to provide and inform the community.

Outdoor Warning System
5 speakers throughout campus.
Used mostly for severe weather.
Vanderbilt’s tone is a steady tone and is different from Davidson County’s.

Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs)
Active shooter planning and education.
Distribute plans and guides for university.
Allows departments to know what to do in the case of an emergency or to prepare for a possible emergency.
Can be found at emg.vanderbilt.edu.
Recently added the active shooter video to the website.

Community Oriented Policing
The VUPD Campus Precinct will strive to increase patrol involvement by taking advantage of community oriented policing opportunities. VUPD will continue to build positive rapport with students, staff and faculty through various on-going and proactive measures.

VUPD Video Patrol Program
The video patrol program was established to enhance safety and security for the Vanderbilt community. The program’s mission is to expand Vanderbilt’s police and security services and develop a more comprehensive campus security plan to reduce victimization through the use of technology.
Over 1,100 cameras monitored
Cameras strategically located (garages, lots, exteriors, entrances & exits)
Alarm confirmation/breaches of access control points
24 hours monitoring
Increased criminal solvability
Maintenance and operational effectiveness

Proactive Monitoring
Actual situation - Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at approximately 3:30 a.m., VUPD communications officers observed three individuals on video patrol cameras in the courtyard area of Wesley Place apartments. Dispatchers observed one of the individuals playing with a lighter and appeared to be lighting a tag attached to the sofa. Officers were dispatched to the area to investigate.

Johnny Vanderpool, Manager of Emergency Preparedness:
Students asked for a safety app for their cell phones.
What is SafeVU? VUPD wanted to offer a platform to enable the Vanderbilt community to contact to directly.
SafeVU is a mobile safety application for IOS and Android smartphones
With SafeVU you can:
Contact VUPD for emergency assistance with 2 easy steps (call or text) (communicate without speaking.)
Submit non-emergency reports to VUPD with text, photos, or videos.
Submit reports anonymously.
Assign contacts to monitor your safety as you travel (Friend Watch.)
View VUPD emergency guides.
Best of all – Its Free!

Faculty & Staff Phase
SafeVU is a student led initiative which took over a year to design, construct, and implement.
Student phase launched move-in weekend.
Faculty/staff phase will launch 9/28/15.
Safe VU will be open to all VU community members.
Campus, Medical Center and VU visitors.
Look for the upcoming PSA’s in MyVU and MyVUMC.
Search for the app (SafeVU – all one word) available through the Apple Store.

Adding area codes to dialing changed everything.
Calls to 911 from a campus phone/cell phone rings to the Nashville 911.
Calls to 911 from a campus phone rings to VUPD.
New phone application allows cell phone user to contact VUPD.
Personalized communication to VUPD.
Another level of service.
Non-emergency calls or texts (need a jumpstart, locked out?)
GPS function as well when location services are turned on cell phone.
Administration is committed to our safety.
Advised us to sign-up now for SafeVU.
Cameras around campus multiply the police force and makes VUPD more effective.
Quantify prevention.

Question: Is the SafeVU app available to non-Vanderbilt people?
Response: Yes. It is open to the public.

Question: What about dealing with issues off campus?
Response: Metro has a great police chief. Chief Washington encouraged to reach out regarding community relations especially in light of what has been happening in the US.
Burr: Consistent conversations are the most important to maintain positive community relations.

Question: How do you address the safety issue for staff who work off campus, such as those who work at Loews?
Response: Precinct model works well to cover all areas even the perimeter of campus.

Question: Does VUPD offer self-defense classes?
Response: Yes, the RAD (Rape, Aggression and Defense) Program is offered through VUPD. The department will even do a specialized program for specific department/groups. Once you have paid for the class you can go back again and again to refresh. Check the website.
Question: Can people who do not have VuNet Ids get access to alert VU?
Response: We can send their info to Mr. Vanderpool and he can manually update. This Thursday (September 10) there will be a full scale AlertVU test at 10:00 a.m.
Question: How do we find out when tests are scheduled for Alert VU?
Response: MyVU is the mode used for notifications regarding AlertVU.

Stacey Kendrick, Program Coordinator for Strategic Marketing
Stacey is a past member of USAC. She is currently at the Medical Center. She presented information on the Williamson County/Vanderbilt University partnership. Four walk-in clinics have opened in Spring Hill on Campbell Station Parkway, Brentwood on Pewitt Drive and Old Hickory Blvd., Cool Springs on McEwen Dr. and Franklin on Hwy 96. Stacey invited everyone to pick up brochures to share with their departments. Visits to the walk-in clinics are covered under the Vanderbilt insurance with a co-pay. Services include rashes, broken bones, sinus, ear and throats infections, colds, vaccinations, and flu shots. In addition, such testing as EKG and X-ray. The difference between these clinics and other walk-in clinics is that there is a Vanderbilt physician on staff. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The clinics network through MyHealth at Vanderbilt. Suggests that employees go to website to alert the clinic you are coming in.

Question: Will you have one in Rutherford Co?
Response: Not sure but Rutherford is a focus, as is Davidson Co.
Question: What about Sumner County?
Response: Not yet, haven’t heard that they are expanding there yet.

We are still encouraged to have primary care physician.

CLOSING
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2015 in the Commons Center, Multipurpose Room at 8:30 a.m. Terri Armstrong, Director of University Benefits will be the guest speaker.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

For more information about the council, please visit the USAC website.