

Safety Committee Written Report: by Brian Brutlag (Co-Chair)

Meeting Date: 10/18/2019

I: Security Assessment:

A: Outside Consultants:

Since the last meeting the college hired a security consultant *American Security Life* to look into security and safety issues on campus. They held open forms to allow students, faculty and staff to alert them to particular safety threats and other dangers.

B: Final Results

President Reyes sent out an Open Invitation Meeting e-mail on 10/17 identifying that on 10/24 from 3-4pm the security consultants from *American Security Life* will be holding an open dialogue for students, faculty and staff. Included in these talks will be their final executive summary report. Members of the Safety Committee were encouraged to attend.

1. It was suggested that the open meeting be streamed online so that anyone who could not make it to the meeting could still know its contents.

II. Safety and Security Concerns

A. ASRHC

Student Government held an open form for students to address their safety and security concerns. The general consensus is that students feel safe during the day from the morning to about 7pm. But many students do not feel safe at night citing poor lighting and a lack of security presence on Campus as main reasons (especially when classes let out (between the 9pm- 10:30pm).

1. Elevator permits are expired (Sept 2018)
 - a. We have the permits and they are ready to be installed but a work order has to be issued
2. Coyotes are being frequently cited on campus at night and during the day; sometimes in packs of 3 or more.
3. There have been incidents of theft and when students have asked for security footage Security officers have told them that the cameras are broken.
4. Lack of or limited wheelchair access to the upper quad, tech and business buildings
5. Blue Light Security communication towers not working across campus.
6. A Demand for more lighting in student lots especially at the bungalow waiting for the Tram.
7. Increase security visibility
8. Make students more aware that they can use faculty parking lots after 5pm
9. There was a request to post the Tram running hours in clear visible spaces.

B. Other Concerns

1. There needs to be an increase in trainings for CPR, AED and Stryker Chairs for all staff and faculty
2. There needs to be a notification timeline for incidents on campus. The campus needs to be informed in a timely manner and given specific context as to what

is happening so they can determine the threat level and whether or not to come to campus.

3. The Food and water Rations are expired and need to be replaced.

III. **Miscellaneous:**

- Since a representative from facilities could not make the meeting there was no discussion of necessary drills nor dates to establish consistent and specific drills (earthquake, active shooter, fire etc.).
- Student Rep has suggested that the drill dates continue to alternate on different days and to do day and evening drills.
- There is a need to develop a Community Emergency Response person(s) in conjunction with the Drill dates
- Since many students don't use/check their Rio Hondo email, it was suggested that there should be a workshop on how to connect a Rio mail account with a personal e-mail account in order to get campus notifications.
- From Hiring policies (e.g. ability to lift X number of pounds) geographic location and overall layout of the campus, Rio Hondo College is not a welcoming place for students, faculty and staff with disabilities. This needs to be taken into consideration as we physically update our buildings and our policies.
- The Committee agreed to the next meeting date and time **January 17th 2020 at 11am**. This is in keeping with the desire for the committee to meet quarterly.