

**MINUTES
PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON GREEK LIFE SUBCOMMITTEE I
NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

Mari Fuentes-Martin, Dean of Students and Chair, called to order the meeting of the President's Task Force on Greek Life Subcommittee I in the LSU Student Union Council Room 312, on November 12, 2017 at 5:01 p.m.

Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

PRESENT

Mari Fuentes-Martin, Dean of Students, Chair
Kenneth McMillin, Faculty Senate President
Jason Badeaux, Student Government President
Madison Hopper, Panhellenic Council President
Anesha Pink, National Pan-Hellenic Council President
Mason Tusa, Interfraternity Council President
Rob Stuart, Chair, Ex-Officio

ABSENT

Dan Layzell, Vice Chair, Ex-Officio

Also present for the meeting were the following: Carlton "Trey" Jones, Managing Attorney in the LSU Office of General Counsel; Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant to the LSU Board of Supervisors; Hannah Rovira, Coordinator in the Office of the LSU President; and Bart Thompson, Acting LSU Chief of Police.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

1. Discussion with LSU Acting Chief of Police regarding Campus Safety

Bart Thompson, Acting LSU Chief of Police, presented to the Subcommittee the overview of LSUPD's involvement with student behavior on campus. He informed the Subcommittee that the crime statistics are online and available to see the campus crime data. He identified the biggest issues for students are life and safety in regards to drugs, alcohol, and medical transports. He stated from January 2017 to present they have received 107 medical calls and 105 transport calls. He emphasized the big picture is students need to take care of each other and leaders need to step up. When someone steps onto the LSU campus, you are LSU-affiliated no matter if the houses are not owned by the University. He sees the biggest issue with students is bystander intervention. All people here are leaders and need to take responsibility. He noted that on LSU campuses we do things different because of safety, we have changed tradition to keep the campus safe. 99% of welfare calls LSUPD receives are alcohol related. He further commented that it would be unrealistic to tell students to quit drinking, but they need to take care of each other. For this year LSUPD's felony arrests are 44 for campus affiliated individuals and 127 nonaffiliated arrests. On the average football game, there are on about 10 arrests. Bart informed the Subcommittee that on campus law enforcement is different, and as we move forward we need to look into safety items to put in place. He further commented that LSU police or any law enforcement organization cannot

enforce policies (like smoking on campus). Bart stated starting January 1, 2018 LSU police will deploy body cameras. He commented that this is a good thing, so we can document what really happens. He ended his presentation stating public safety is biggest concern for LSUPD and if a violation happens, they cannot ignore it.

Mari Fuentes-Martin asked what role LSUPD plays in tailgating on the Parade Grounds. Bart replied that LSUPD's responsibility is to respond to anything on campus on game day like any other day. They do receive reports for many fights on the Parade Grounds and we have added more cameras and horses but we have still not fixed the problem because it just moves from one area to another. Bart further commented we need to find a way to move forward with positive change, more police will not fix the problem. Rob Stuart asked what Bart thought was the answer to the problem. Bart stated the leadership within the organizations are not addressing the problems. If there were leaders that would fix the problems ahead of time then police would not need to be involved.

Rob Stuart noted that Bart had mentioned 99% of welfare concerns were alcohol related and asked about drugs. Bart stated he is unsure because they don't follow up with the hospital after a transport to receive a full report. Bart did note if it was not alcohol related the rest of the calls are related to mental health concerns. Mari Fuentes-Martin the reports received in SAA are probably 70% alcohol and 30% mental health. Rob Stuart commented the assumption is most transports are probably a mix of drugs and alcohol.

Trey Jones asked Bart what thoughts he had in regards to changes to recommend to the President. Bart commented that the changes won't happen overnight and there needs to be a cultural change of responsibility with the students. Every student needs to take care of every student, e.g. "buddy system". He further commented even police utilize the buddy system. The University will not stop the excessive drinking behavior overnight but a student can decide to help your friend for that night and call for help. Even with LSUPD they are beginning officer fitness testing, and even though it is an unpopular decision, in the long run it will benefit the department and that is what needs to happen here. Madison Hopper mentioned her sorority has a buddy system in place and they have been saying this for years. They tell members you not only responsible for yourself but for your date and your sorority buddy and her date too. This way there is more pressure to behave because all four of you could be held responsible for the actions of one. She further mentioned even though they have this policy in place and it works well it is still challenging to enforce but it is all about creating a change in culture. Mari Fuentes-Martin noted that the North-American Interfraternity Conference has provided new recommendations because they found too many times 911 isn't called and new member education is sparse. She also commented the University of Michigan banned IFC social events to rethink the way everything is being done. Stephanie Tomlinson commented this was self-imposed ban by the University of Michigan IFC and Ball State University IFC has recently done the same. Mari further commented this is a time of self-evaluation for our chapters and their practices. Bart further commented that just because you call for help does not mean you are going to jail.

2. Review of Institutional Policy Statements and Departmental Policies pertaining to Greek Life

Mari Fuentes Martin referred the Subcommittee to the policies provided in the Task Force binder pertaining to Greek life. She commented the policies do need to be reviewed and she

is forming a review committee for changes to the Student Code of Conduct to merge PS52 with the code. She noted PS75, PS78, PS108, and PM68 all need updating because they were written during a different time at the University than the climate today. Trey Jones mentioned PS68 was brought up in the other Subcommittee so this is one that needs to be addressed. Mari mentioned there are also no current policy or guidelines for expectations of advisors or new member education programs and this is another are they may want to address.

Rob Stuart proposed a discussion to the Subcommittee, asking how do you encourage responsible drinking for students. Mason Tusa commented how you do not hear any stories about over consumption of beer leading to a death but currently the culture revolves around hard liquor so shifting away from hard liquor could help. Ken McMillin asked about the potential for a game day policy, where if there are over 10 people from your organization you have to register your tailgate. Mari mentioned that would require Athletics policy changes as well. Jason Badeaux commented that the structure in general needs to create a more welcoming atmosphere. He noted that Auburn and Alabama partner with tailgate companies and it creates a safer environment. There is a need for looking at these partnerships, instead of utilizing policy. Mari emphasized that although tailgate is an important topic it is only 6 days out of the year and recruitment and initiation tend to be of bigger concern for safety. Jason offered the idea of allowing the sale of liquor at events at high prices people would be encouraged to not pregame as hard since liquor is available but also to consume beer or wine since it would be cheaper. Mason Tusa stated if the tailgates moved to the houses and chapters used a company like All Star they could potentially sell the liquor at the events so less people would sneak in alcohol but would also buy less and they would keep the no shots policy. Mari further commented that the registered events with a licensed alcohol vendor is not the problem, the problem is the jungle juices served unofficially.

Trey Jones reminded the group to be sure we are addressing issue pertinent to Max Gruver's death and to be careful to not focus too much on peripheral issues and to be sure we are linking these issue back to hazing. Jason Badeaux commented that the chapters do not take the education seriously and that the Greek Assessment is only tied to Greek seating for football, what if it were tied to socials. Trey further asked what would have real consequences for the chapter. Mason stated most chapters just have a fear of losing their charter. Madison Hopper commented that changing Greek Assessment levels so actual privileges are taken away if you don't meet certain points because three years is too long to have consequences for not making assessment. Anesha Pink asked how social events are monitored and Mari commented that even under the current interim guidelines chapters are not following the rules. Ken McMillin asked about changing the pledge process to January instead of Fall. Madison stated hazing would still occur even if you move to Spring, Mason also echoed other university defer recruitment and still have hazing issues. Mari stated the brain is still developing between the ages of 17 to 25 so we have to consider the research of where students are at developmentally in the process. The focus now seems to be around bystander intervention and amnesty. Trey emphasized that this must be dealt with on the level of safety for students. Mason commented there needs to be a clear line of what hazing is and zero tolerance for offenses. Trey asked if amnesty for chapters if they report individuals would help. Jason said the Chapter President is concerned with keeping the charter on the wall so why would they report. Mason added it would help if chapters

had support in kicking out the bad seeds and receiving chapter amnesty for reporting it to the University. Ken added this would shift the behavior accountability from the organization not the individual student. Jason further commented this could create a culture for the organizations that truly want to learn and do the right thing. The Subcommittee agreed they need to look at the issues within the community around taking this seriously and strategies to encourage accountability.

3. Set dates for future meetings

Mari Fuentes-Martin asked Rob Stuart what he thought was next and Rob said they will talk about next steps at the Task Force meeting on Tuesday. The group will wait to schedule the next meeting after the Task Force meeting.

4. Adjournment

Upon motion of Jason Badeaux, seconded by Ken McMillin, the Subcommittee meeting was adjourned.