CALL TO ORDER

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President Ahmed: Officer accountability we’ll move it for a later portion of our meeting today.

PUBLIC FORUM

We want to go right ahead into Public Forum. We’re happy that President Cockett and Chief Morris could join us today. The purpose of this is to kind of help the student leaders understand what the university is doing at large and for us to kind of be in touch as we deal with other students throughout campus, so we are aware of what our administration is doing. I want to turn the time over to President Cockett and Chief Morris and for today we’ll talk about campus safety.

President Cockett: I just want to start off, not to insert myself into your meetings but to me this council is an excellent way to find out issues on campus before they just explode or become an issue beyond our ability to handle it, so I’ve actually invited myself to come as President includes me. We’re looking at possibly twice a month and there’ll be a message back to me, “this is what we’d like to have a report or discussion on for this meeting.”

What this one came about was there was a Campus Climate survey done in spring and some of the new questions on that were about campus safety. Just as an aggregate there was—I don’t remember the percentage, but it was actually higher than I would have thought that said, “there are places on campus where I don’t feel safe.”

We were thinking, the President and I, that having Charles Darnell, our Director of Facilities, and Chief Morris, Chief of USU Police, and I here if you folks have questions, comments, feedback, or specific locations that you would like to know what the plans are or “can you do something about this?” The three of us are the group to talk to about campus safety.

Chief Morris: I brought a few things to talk about, but Charles has got more time here, so I would defer to you if you’d like to go first.

Director Darnell: You’re going to make me do the honors. I brought some notes as well. We work very closely with Public Safety in terms of safety and security on campus. One of our biggest initiatives has been annual walk-abouts that involve students. It always involves the President, involves Michael McKinney, our attorney, who also goes through some of those walk-throughs, the Director and Chief of Police is also welcome to do these... They’ll do these at night to be able to actually go around and look at areas that are dimly lit areas where maybe shrubs and trees
need to be pruned back for better visibility and better security. In fact, as I understand it, we’re involved in an initiative right now to change out the lights on the Quad at student request and also to make if more of a dark-sky area, which I think is really cool. The lighting initiative have a dual purpose—you’ll have to excuse me; this rain has really destroyed my lung capacity today so I’ll try to cough my way through this the best I can—but essentially, we are spending approximately $300,000 or $400,000 a year on safety and security out of our Capital Improvement Funds. A lot of this goes towards lighting. Like I said, the lighting is a dual-purpose because we’re actually going to LED light, which reduces the wattage output or input of the lights significantly. This is one of our top saving initiatives. One of our carbon-reduction initiatives here on campus: probably in the next five years, we’re going to do the same thing with interior lighting. That’s not so much a security issue, which is what we’re here to talk about today.

One of our other big initiatives is what we call S2. S2 is simply the system, the company name of the system that we’re using for card access control. It’s not in effect at residence halls, they have a different system, but of all the academic facilities, within the year 85% of them are going to be outfitted with card access control. This gives us a lot of data about who’s accessing buildings and when. We’re also exploring information on how it authorizes what we like to call Key Czars and building reps within the buildings. They actually schedule the buildings; they can open up at 7, they can open up at 6 if they want to, close at 6 PM... It’s really a major initiative. We have invested a million dollars in S2 in the last three years and we have about $400,000 this year as well. We’re converting all of the Blue Light security poles to video capable, which is one of the good things about S2. S2 is an open protocol and operates off of Milestone, which is what all of our security cameras on campus operate on. The really significant thing with the cameras is we’ve added about 50 cameras in the last year and we’re adding about 50 more as we speak, they just haven’t all been installed yet. A good many of these cameras will give us facial recognition. Now, to lay any fears, there’s no secret room anywhere on campus where someone is secretly surveilling everything that’s going on camera. They’re primarily forensic, so if something happens or we get a report, the cameras can be accessed by Public Safety very quickly. In fact, I think we had an attempted problem in this building here last year. I think with the use of the cameras they were able to apprehend the person very quickly and prevent anything else from happening. We’re doing a lot of that. There are other landscaping things we’ve done. If anyone is familiar with the old rock garden, it’s kind of north of the Living Learning Center, they had really risky, rickety old stone stairs there and we couldn’t do snow removal on those in the winter because they were so unsafe, so we would just close the area in winter, and no one could utilize the area. We got a lot of complaints about that simply because a lot of folks come up, I think that’s 6th utilize those stairs as opposed to the Old Main Hill when commuting to campus. The year before last we replaced those with heated concrete stairs, so now you can go up and down them without worrying too much about slipping (except for the guys that pile snow up on the stairs and use it for snowboarding, which has happened already once). The other piece is that we’ve cleaned up the rock garden. It was a very bad area in terms of too much overgrowth and it probably wasn’t extremely safe for nighttime travel. If you go there today, you’ll find it’s all been cleaned up and re-landscaped and there’s a Blue Light system there and there’s ample video there. We’ve put in security video. That’s one of the ways facilities is trying to respond to student requests and student needs. I think our risk manager absolutely told me to mention that we’ve improved speaker systems on campus for the processions for graduation on campus. Me and Torch have been talking about using those for public addresses in case of an emergency, which I think is a really cool idea to actually get a couple of extra things out of that. Facilities actually has a security position that’s assigned to Risk Management. I’m personally involved in an ad hoc committee with the International Coding Council that’s looking at ways to improve design of buildings to slow down perpetrators and speed up first response. It’s really the first time that design professionals have started working with law enforcement to talk about, “are there ways to design buildings that are safer and enhance first response?” There’s a lot of talk about wayfinding signage in buildings and things of that nature, just to make things safe for an active shooting. A lot of things going on. I don’t want anyone here to thing we’re solving all the problems; a lot of what we’re doing is in its infancy right now. You are our favorite people on campus, we’re always very interested in hearing what you have to say. I know Torch probably is involved in a lot of influential committees and other things that go on, so we’ll take notes when we’re finished. I’ll turn it over.

President Cockett: Can I ask one question?
Director Darnell: Yes.

President Cockett: What exactly are those Blue Light things? What do they do? What can I get at one of those Blue Lights?

Director Darnell: Emergency phones. You can walk up to those and basically, it’s a direct line to the police.

Chief Morris: You push the button; the camera comes on. It’ll show that you’re there. Then the dispatcher will be connected immediately, so they can talk to you. You could scream, you could holler, you could do whatever, or they can ask you, “what is your problem?” At the same time, you activate that, they start dispatching an officer to that Blue Phone. I think there’s 39 Blue Phones here on campus. To build on what Charles is saying, in addition to those speakers that are for the procession, I just want to reemphasize the great relationship and partnership we have with Facilities and Risk Management. Together we determined that the infrastructure of this university is so amazing that we can actually take those Blue Phones and bring them into our dispatch center, so that in the even of an emergency, in addition to the Utah State Safe app which I’ll talk about here in a moment, that in the event of an emergency (and I’ve been in a few of them over the years, that’s what happens when you’re older) not everybody has a phone and not everybody’s paying attention to their text messages and things of that nature: we can actually tap into every one of those 39 Blue Phones and broadcast what the emergency is. You’ll not only hear it out here, where the procession is, we’re going to be able to say, “hey, this is a real emergency, and this is what’s taking place.” I use this example: in January of 2018 and 8:00 in the morning on a Saturday, I get this text message that I have an incoming ballistic missile, that this is not a drill, “seek cover.” That was in Hawaii. So, we’re thinking we have this nuclear bomb coming, it’s going to hit within 18 minutes. I’m scrambling to get onto the campus within that time frame and to get in our area. They don’t have bomb shelters in Hawaii, incidentally, but the point was when I got there and we’re trying to seal down the operation center, we’ve got so many students that are running out the door, headed to the beach. They don’t realize it’s really an emergency! The president of the university, his wife is standing out front trying to yell at these students, “hey, this is a real emergency! Get cover!” So, I thought, “there’s got to be a better way.” So, I tap into the clock tower at the university so I could broadcast out with the speaker and say, “hey, this is real.” When I came here and Mike and I are looking at these speaker systems on the Blue Phones, I thought, “we could use these as well.” This is one more of the layers of security that we have out there. The other thing Charles was talking about: access control. The beauty of that is that this campus—60% of this campus right now is ready for the ability to lock down. Lock down is not a bad thing because it never precludes you from being able to go out or to open the door for somebody else that’s trying to come in. What id does do is it keeps people from coming in that have an intent to do harm. Both the Blue Phone speakers and the lock down capability. Within 30 to 60 days—we’re working directly with Risk Management and IT to draw up those programs, so we have that capability. By the end of the year, Charles’ group will actually have close to 90% of the campus that we can lock down. He’s quickly putting in all of this access control and we’re tapping into it down at the operation center so that we can provide a greater level of security for students. You have seen this happening in a lot of education. One of the things we’ve learned with the presentations that we’re doing is that we have to now kind of warn everybody, “some of the things we’re going to present are a little bit graphic,” and they are. When you look at school shootings or mall shootings or something of that nature, it can be traumatizing, and we understand that, and we want to be sensitive to that. At the same time, I understand—I have been in a few shootings over the years, when you’ve been doing this for 40 years—and I can tell you that even law enforcement has a few seconds in which they’re trying to program in their mind whether or not this is real or not real. Those critical few seconds. That’s why a lot of times policemen are killed a lot more than the criminals: because we’re trying to process that. What we’re trying to do is program all of y’all to know what a horrible situation kind of looks like, without overly traumatizing you, so when it happens, we can shorten the processing time to where you actually can react a little bit quicker. Now we say, “if you need to leave because this is going to be a little bit graphic, that’s okay, but we do want you to see what it actually looks like.” We’re really out there. I think we’ve done at least 20 major presentations in the last four weeks somewhere on campus. We’re looking for more opportunities to do that. You know the university has launched the Utah State Safe app. I hope everybody here has that downloaded.
President Cockett: I just want to make sure you guys understand it’s not the Safe UT app, it’s Utah State Safe app.

Chief Morris: Thank you. This is unique an only for this campus right now. It’ll go to the other campuses eventually. It’s got great features. Not only do you get your Code Blue alerts, but you can Virtual Walk with friends. I don’t know if any of you have tried that yet. The big capability is you have the ability to chat with us. Let’s say you’re in a stadium, you have 20,000 people there, 25,000 and you have a suspicious person that comes up. You can’t pick up the phone and call us? All you need to do is hit your button, your Utah State Safe app comes up, and you can now text us. The moment you start texting us it’ll say, “we have an alert coming in from Sami Ahmed located in (a certain place)” because it’ll GPS right where you are. You can literally text and say, “hey, I’ve got this person right here that’s looking not real cool” and we can now respond without anybody knowing we’re responding, without making a big deal. We can get there to you. Or, if you get trapped somewhere, you get locked in an elevator or whatever and you can’t get service, you can. This has a cell override, so you can actually touch that, and it’ll tell us where you are so we can come get you. If you had an earthquake and you were buried under rubble and you can’t call out, you hit that button, it’ll let us GPS to you, and we can come get you. This is a great app. We’re building upon it continually. We’re going to have all of the emergency procedures that are in there as well. It won’t take up a ton of your memory, but once you’ve downloaded it, even if you lose cell service again, it’s there. You can pull it up and you’ll know exactly what to do in any kind of an emergency situation. We’re working really hard and fast and I’m really excited to be here because so much groundwork has been laid to now kind of tie all these things together.

A couple of other quick things: we’re developing a crime map, which we also have the capability to do thanks to Charles’ folks who put that infrastructure in place. As we’re collecting crime on campus, we can actually have a crime map that’s electronic for us to know where it’s happening. This is why it’s very important for you to report crime. The university, like most universities, has a gross under-reporting situation going on because people like to resolve it themselves or they don’t really worry about it, “my bike’s been stolen but big deal, it was an old bike” or whatever the case may be. It doesn’t make us an unsafe campus to tell us that in any way, shape, or form. What it does do is it allows us to target where we’re going to patrol, so instead of us just wandering around, trying to figure out what’s going on where, we have this electronic crime map that we’re developing. It will allow us to know, “we’ve had x number of thefts here, over here we’ve had sexual assault, over here we’ve had this” so we can now direct our patrol to these areas. It’s called a targeted patrol system. Also, visibility. We recognize geographically we’re kind of challenged, being off campus. We’re working to establish a substation here centrally located on campus where during the daytime you will have your daytime officers doing their reports and things of that nature so that our response goes from three to five minutes to 10 to 70 seconds. From a place like this, on campus, if we have a substation where officers can respond quicker, we can save more lives. Most shootings are over within the first five minutes, which means we can get in there quicker. We’re looking to establish that.

Also, security guards. We’ve had them, but nobody even knows where they are or what they look like because they’re more dressed like some of the maintenance folks. If you saw at the game the other day, we’ve not put them in these bright yellow, long shirts that say Security all over them. Most of them are students who have a proclivity towards law enforcement or criminal justice, and we’re giving them an education as to what happens in public safety. At the same time, we’re going to make them more visible. We’re going to reinstitute a bike patrol and get them more visible, out and about, so that at night if you need an escort—which also you can call for an escort on your Utah State app just so you know—if you need help. When I talk “escort”, I’m talking about a law enforcement officer coming and helping you get where you need to go. The other kind of escort you have to work out somewhere else. The point is that if you needed help, you push that, you just tell a dispatcher, “hey, I’m up here at the Taggart Student Center and I don’t feel comfortable going back to my dorm.” Not a problem. An alert comes on, says, “Sami Ahmed just sent a message saying that he needs someone to go up there and assist with an escort.” Not a problem. Immediately we can dispatch a security guard or an officer, so much quicker if we have a couple of them up here on campus versus all of our guns being off campus. I’m one of those guys, I just don’t sleep a whole bunch because I’m always just so intensely anxious about doing the right thing. Since you are the most important customers we have out there, as students, we’re here to serve you. If you don’t ever feel that you’re getting that level of service, then I need to know that. One of the unique and wonderful things about this police department here is that they are, most of them, experience, mature people. Their style of law enforcement has changed from when they first got in and the badge was like that big to be a little more approachable and a little
more involved in some of the things you’re doing. You’ll see more of us. Our crime prevention program we’re starting to build up and you’re going to be a key focus of those who are going to assist us in getting our message out. We may ask periodically to stand with us at a table or work promoting Utah State Safe app. We gave out 800 hot dogs at Day on the Quad. Some of you may have come over and gotten those. That day alone we had almost 1,200 sign ups to our app and a lot of it was just the ability—also the hot dogs, which is the reason why people came initially—and then we swarm them and say, “hey, we need you to download this and be a part of our family so we can provide greater protection for you.” That’s my spiel. I’ll turn it back over to you, President Ahmed.

President Ahmed: Thank you. I will turn it over to questions. VP Rivera?

VP Rivera Soto: Not really a question, but is there anything in place to do an emergency alert on computers in the computer labs or the testing center? In the testing center you can’t take your phone in or anything.

Chief Morris: That is exactly right. Right now, the Code Blue is already programmed onto those computers, but yes, we’re always looking for those areas where we don’t have the ability to get that message to you. We’ve talked about other things that go through because sometimes the computer is even closed or when you go in the professor says, “everybody turn off their phones, I don’t want to see any phones here,” or you hand them in. Anyway, we’ve got to figure out how to get around that. We’ve spent a lot of time, mainly this summer, in education programs for faculty and staff because, in truth, students come and go but your primary first responder is always going to be that faculty or staff member who is there every single semester. If they’re not in control and they don’t know what happening and they don’t know what to do, it’s going to be pretty difficult for you all, as students, to say, “hey, what should we do at this point?”

President Cockett: After our Code Blue incident last year, we got I think four pages of bullets of things we needed to tweak. Definitely putting a notice of Code Blue on all computers that are in USU’s system was a priority. You’re saying that is done?

Chief Morris: Yes. It is in most areas. Not all, but most areas it is. Some of it’s a programming issue that we’re accomplishing. Every day we’re working on improving to make sure that we’ve targeted every location.

President Cockett: So, testing center, computer labs all go ahead, and you think those are connected.

Chief Morris: I’ve been told that they are. I have not gotten over there and tested them, but my understanding was that that was done before I arrived here.

President Cockett: I was just going to mention too: some of the faculty and we know some of the staff, parking lot attendants, etc., weren’t quite prepared for that. As the Chief said, there’s more training happening. I’ve asked the Provost to reach out to Faculty Senate, their Education Policy Committee or EPC, to develop best practices for faculty. Don’t be telling students that they need to finish the test before they leave the room, and that type of thing. We’ll have that in place in the next couple of months and hopefully we will never need it.

Chief Morris: I appreciate what President has mentioned because one of the confusing things, from my understanding of the last incident, was that when we talk about Run, Hide, Fight, people think that hiding means maybe diving underneath this table or something of that nature, which would make you probably the most vulnerable person you could possibly be. We’re going more for Barricade for Battle, as horrible as that sounds. If you’re going to hid in this room, let’s pull your tables, your chairs, everything else in front of those doors to keep anybody from coming in. If they do come in but they’re tripping over it while you’re hitting them overt the head with that computer... It may sound violent, but the truth is there has to be a paradigm shift that each one of us has in that it’s self-preservation. Someone’s coming in to hurt you, you need to be prepared to prevent them from coming in. If they do come in, boy: an army like this, I’ve got to tell you I would hate to take on a group like this. I don’t care what kind of weapon I have, if I come through the door and you’ve got it barricaded (which, again, I’m
saying Barricade for Battle) you barricade that so when they come through you have the opportunity to inflict pain.

President Cockett: So, Run, Hide, Fight is actually... It was something that came out of...


President Cockett: Yeah. The idea was first, you run, if you can’t run then you hide, and if you can’t hide then you fight. When you hear Run, Hide, Fight, we actually heard people like, “which one am I supposed to do?” The second thing was because there was no—it was a false alarm—but because there was no location, running mindlessly across the campus would not have been maybe the best thing. So, you’re saying Barricade for Battle. I’ve also heard Secure in Place. That is a better message, we’ve determined since this happened, than Run, Hide Fight. Each building is supposed to identify secure locations etc.

Chief Morris: Secure in Place really is... Let’s say you’re at the elementary school: would you want hundreds of little children blindly running out of the elementary school, because that would be Run? They could run right into the situation. In most circumstances, unless you know exactly where it is happening, securing in place and barricading yourself in position to protect yourself is what you would want to be thinking about. When the Code Blue hits you hit that button and it’s going to say, “we have an emergency incident” or something like that, “high alert on campus.” That’s the first thing you’re going to get. Now your mind can shift to, “wow, okay, something’s going on.” Immediately following that will be, “this is what it is, and this is where it is.” You’re going to get that first alert to kind of alert you to, “hey, something bad is happening,” and then we’re going to tell you where it is and what it is, okay? So, then you can make that decision, “okay, it’s over at Champ Hall, I’m over here, I’m okay to run out the back and I’m going to run to the football stadium or wherever I have to run to get away from here.” Now you can make that decision. If all you hear is “bad incident on campus,” what do you do? I will say this: from what I understand, a lot of students and faculty did the right thing. Many others were running around trying to figure out what to do and that causes a lot of trauma. If you don’t know what to do, you freeze. You’ve been in those kinds of situations before; we want to prepare you to be able to know that this is what’s happening and where to go. Again, the probability is very very low; the possibility? It’s out there because you hear about it all the time. It’s always one of those prepare-a-lot-for-something-that-may-not-happen, because if it does happen, it’s catastrophic.

President Ahmed: VP Brain?

VP Brain: I’m okay now.

President Ahmed: Any other questions? VP Low?

VP Low: On VP Rivera-Soto’s comment: I know that in the testing center they have screens of calm little scenes on it. I don’t know if that’s another place where that would want to be displayed, if there is a Code Blue alert, on those screens.

Chief Morris: Where are those screens?

VP Low: In the room where you take the test. There’re little screens with like palm trees and beaches.

President Cockett: They’re meant to relax you.

VP Low: So maybe that would be another good place to put that. I don’t know what the testing center would need to do with the policy with your test time on the computer. Who knows?

President Cockett: That’s Robert Wagner. He’s over the testing center. I know he was starting to develop that to talk
with the faculty: this was false, but it still disrupted everything. What is the procedure then for faculty?

VP Low: I’ve heard a couple students say they were in the business building when that happened, and they were—I don’t know if anyone can chime on this—someone said there’s something in the way that the business building is and the doors don’t ever lock or something like that. The doors of the classrooms.

President Cockett: For fires, you have to have doors that swing out—

Chief Morris: And break-away bars, you have to have that.

President Cockett: They swing out, so the idea is this: how are you going to secure those if you were in? That’s part of what you guys trained. There’s a lot of different ways to do that, but we have a little problem here. With this door, has anyone noticed that it swings out?

President Ahmed: We’ll have someone sacrifice.

Chief Morris: Stay in the classroom buildings.

President Cockett: Yeah. Anybody have any good ideas?

President Ahmed: We’ll send someone to be sacrificed.

Chief Morris: Barricade for Battle.

Director Darnell: Your question probably relates to classroom doors not being able to lock.

VP Low: Yeah. I remember some student telling me they were in the business building when it happened and there wasn’t any way... I don’t know exactly what it was.

Director Darnell: I think the original coding, the people that run the building, decide that they wanted it that way. There’s a lot of debate on classrooms themselves, as to whether someone who’s in charge of a classroom should be able to lock it and keep the perpetrators out. I think that might be the question that you’re asking, and I think it’s somewhat unresolved. It’s somewhat inconsistently applied across many different facilities and everywhere. I think it’s leaning more and more towards someone in an instructional facility being able to lock the door. Of course, the con of that is if somebody locked the door, can a perpetrator get in there and force the instructor to lock the door and then he’s got captive hostages. For every good idea in building design, where there’s a pro, there’s a con. Through the side CC initiative that I’ve been involved with now for about six months, that’s what we’re learning is that for every good idea there’s something that comes up that’s not such a great idea about the good idea. It’s extremely challenging to figure out how to keep people safe in a building, especially public buildings like college buildings. It’s a bit less of an issue with K-12 or highly restricted buildings where you can force everybody to come in through one door and you can make every other door in the facility an exit door. You can’t even imagine doing that in a university public facility. It just would never work with the way that we use facilities here. Again, a lot of what our committee actions for facilities is we’re actually trying to draw up a white paper to direct people on how to do better security and safety security systems for buildings and by building occupancy type. Certainly, this building is a lot different from Old Main, which is higher risk, in buildings like Widtsoe with chemicals in them it has a different kind of risk, you have buildings where we do early childhood education, that’s a different kind of risk. Trying to address those risks in design is just something that the coding agencies that write building codes have really not tried to wrap their arms around. They are now taking it very seriously because of all the incidences that we’ve had in terms of active shooters.

President Cockett: I’m just looking at this. I’ve gone to these trainings before. A lot of doors have those hinges at the
top, so what you do is you take a belt and you wrap it around those hinges so they can’t unfold. The other thing that’s really odd about this door is that it doesn’t have any handles on the inside. If there were handles on the inside, you would wrap the belt around. This could be a door that needs some handles on the inside because... I guess you could shove the table over there, but I still think a person could just swing open the doors. Those are the kinds of things, as awful as it is, you have to think about. Sami, maybe you should put in a Facilities order.

President Ahmed: Okay, noted. We’ll put it on there.

Director Darnell: Need handles for 336...

President Ahmed: VP Rivera and then VP Lake?

VP Rivera Soto: You said we have about 30 of these Blue Phones?

Chief Morris: 39, I believe.

VP Rivera Soto: Is there any way we could get a map of where they are?

Chief Morris: Yeah, I think so! I bet it’s probably easier to come from Charles’ group, right?

Director Darnell: It is.

Chief Morris: I was trying to determine where all of the AED’s are on campus.

President Cockett: What are those?

Chief Morris: You know, the...

Director Darnell: The defibrillators.

President Cockett: Oh, yeah.

Chief Morris: I was looking the other day and I couldn’t find any at all in the entire stadium and I was thinking, “what the...?” Then they were telling me that there aren’t any. So, I’ve got to go back over there and look again, because we wouldn’t want to have that kind of a situation. They’re not any good if we don’t have them somewhere and it’s not any good if we don’t know where they are.

President Cockett: I think there are some here, though.

Chief Morris: Oh yeah, I’ve seen them all over this building.

Director Darnell: We funded putting those in here three or four years ago.

President Cockett: I’m thinking buildings that are newer than three or four years ago probably don’t have them.

Director Darnell: Well, the new ones definitely should have them. I think the stadium is an exception because I don’t think we did auxiliary facilities at the time we were doing those. I bet the endzone building has one.

Chief Morris: I was going to talk to John. I have a meeting with him on Thursday and that’s one of the things I’m going to ask him because I know if we do, for example... All of you know what an AED is, right? You’re all First Aid-certified? If you’re not, please go get First Aid-certified if you’re a first responder. If there’s no heart rate, then you
do chest compressions and then you do the shock system. That’s the AED. You should know where they are, and you should know how to use them. Just like you should always kind of know where your fire extinguishers are if you’re just walking around.

Director Darnell: The nice thing about the AED’s is I think they have instructions with them, and some are verbalized so you don’t even have to be an expert on how to use them.

Chief Morris: All of them: you push the button and you can’t go wrong.

Director Darnell: You stick with them, as I understand it.

Chief Morris: That is true. I just went through my recertification last week, so I’m big on it. I made sure every single one of my officers went through recertification last week as well. You put that on your chest, the little tabs, and it’ll read it and say, “no compressions at this time” and it’ll literally tell you, “you have it in the wrong place” or where to put it and remind you how many compressions. You don’t take them off. It’s a pretty neat little thing. You have to have them to use them, and we want to wave your lives, so we’ll make sure we have them everywhere.

President Ahmed: Alright. Maybe we’ll just do one last question to be conscious of your guys’ time and President’s time. Did you have a question?

VP Lake: Well, I just had a comment.

President Ahmed: Last two.

VP Lake: A word from the president last year: we developed a fund called the Facilities Enhancement Fund. Last year was the first year that any fund was awarded out of that. It’s about a $200,000 fund. What was impressive about it was that there was a variety of security improvements that was made out of that fund. It’s not restrictive to anybody, anybody from the university can apply, so reasonably the President herself could apply and you gentlemen could as well. As far as what was awarded, as far as security measure-wise was improving the lighting on the Quad as well as improving one of our buildings with key cards. It was for the Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning that exists in the Caine College of the Arts because that’s a 24-hour building. It gave key access to students to a) protect their projects but to b) protect them in the event that they are there late overnight. Those are the two that I can think of off the top of my head. That’s what, realistically, is the priority of the Facilities Enhancement Fund: to improve our facilities and improve our security. I think if you gentlemen ever wanted to draw on that, it becomes available here very soon.

Chief Morris: I’m always looking for money.

President Cockett: Put that door on there. Is there even a lock?

Director Darnell: It does have a bolt on it.

President Cockett: Okay, I feel so much better.

President Ahmed: VP Rivera?

VP Rivera Soto: My last question is that we talked about barricading and running and hiding, but in these trainings that you’re doing, is there anything that addresses how to—if you’re a bystander—how to help someone in these kinds of situations if they maybe have a disability? For example, if they’re deaf or blind, they’re not going to hear a Code Blue alert and they can’t check their phone or if you are in a building and someone is in a wheelchair. How do you help them in those kinds of situations?
Chief Morris: Let me just say, not enough. When we met over at the elementary school a couple of weeks ago and did a presentation to their faculty and staff, they brought that up. I think that’s where we really kind of covered it for them, because that’s one of those situations where securing in place or barricading or whatever is probably going to be more prevalent than other. For the most part, we haven’t done enough. I will take note and make sure that we do spend more time in our presentations to educate on how to handle those kinds of situations.

President Cockett: We actually have a couple of people I think that could really help with this. David Pruden is the Director of Disability Resources and Sachin—anybody know Sachin’s last name? Sachin is his first name. He’s over in the Center for Persons with Disabilities. He’s actually involved with ways that people with disability that we can help those folks.

Chief Morris: Well he will be on my list. That was a great question, thank you.

President Ahmed: I just have one last question: with the Utah State Safe app, when did you guys promote it? Is it just the past…?

Chief Morris: Day on the Quad was really the official launching. We spent the whole summer testing it and trying to develop it. The chat feature just came online this week. Day on the Quad was the big day that we were promoting it.

President Cockett: Do you need any help with that?

President Ahmed: That’s what I’m thinking.

Chief Morris: Amanda Dorito is the person who is—

President Ahmed: She emailed me yesterday.

Chief Morris: She’s the person who is best equipped to help you with a marketing campaign.

President Cockett: I’ll have to reach out.

President Ahmed: I’m think a week of this campaign, just on its own without the other clubs or events going on so that it’s the only thing. Me and Cam will get on it. I think I’m going to end there for time purposes.

President Cockett: Obviously you can’t have me come to every meeting or you guys would never get things done, so whenever I’m available I’m encouraging others. This has been great. Thank you so much.

President Ahmed: Thank you, President Cockett.

Chief Morris: Thank you for being part of the Public Safety family. Thank you.

Director Darnell: Thank you.

Chief Morris: In fact, take my cell phone number. And my email address is earl.morris@usu.edu. You heard Charles referred to me as Torch. When I was born, I had bright red hair, so most of the world, if they’re not calling me some title, will call me Torch versus Earl because I got that nickname at birth. As a redhead, you would know, we all have nicknames. If you’re a guy it’s either Red, Rusty, you know, something like that or something worse. Torch is what I got. If you hear somebody say Torch, they’re not saying George they’re saying Torch and that’s me. Feel free to call me on my cell phone or text me. Please remind me where you’re from, like “I’m with the student body student council, student body presidency” or whatever and “this is my question.” That’s the easiest way to get with me because 24/7 I’m on that, like all young people. Thanks, you guys.
President Ahmed: Alright. We’ll go ahead and move on to my President’s Report. For this week I just want to remind you that it’s the last week before the deadline to get fitted or go to Sophie, so if you haven’t done that or haven’t sent in your sizes, please do so. Friday the 13th is the deadline. For Aggie Heroes, this will be that week as well. Outside of that, there are a couple of initiatives that are going around campus that I might try—sorry, VP Tomlinson?

VP Tomlinson: I was just going to ask: are we supposed to go pick those up? Are they going to let us know?

President Ahmed: Yeah, you should be getting a text from Leven’s when its ready.

VP Tomlinson: So, they’re not coming as a group and we get them?

President Ahmed: No. You’re supposed to go pick them up. I’m assuming for you guys it’s probably going to be delivered, so that’s hopefully a thing. By the way, why are we segregated? We’ve got to mix up! We’re not against each other! Anyway, that’s about all I have. As part of my President’s report, I’d like to turn the time to Anna for some minutes that she’s going to talk about.

Assistant Kremnev: Thanks. I want to talk about the minutes. All of you approved them even though there were a bunch of question marks stuck inside Jenny comment. Anyway, I just want you to know—yes, Jared?

Senator Fry: If we are okay with it do we need to verify if there are question marks? I looked at the question marks, I saw them, and I just figured that they were okay. Does that mean that it’s okay to approve them?

Assistant Kremnev: Yes. I left them there because—from now on I’ll be reaching out to you if I didn’t catch what you said, I’ll ask you what you said and to make up for it. These first two weeks I wanted to see if anyone actually read the minutes, so I left them in there to see if you did and if anyone would mention them. Anyway, I just want you to know that you can not approve the minutes, that that is a good thing to do. I want to make sure that you at least read through what you said so that you aren’t misrepresented because this is a written record of your character and of your statements and that’s far more easy for someone to refer to and to hold against you than the fleeting statements that you make with your voice. You know what I’m saying? I want t to make sure that you at least read those so that you feel comfortable with the way you are being interpreted so that you don’t get in trouble for something that you didn’t actually mean or say. Does that make sense?

Spencer Bitner: Point of clarification: it’s not for censorship, it’s for clarification.

Assistant Kremnev: Yes.

Senator Fry: If we see those question marks, we don’t need to say anything about it? Or if we see something like that, we should bring that up? Is that best practice for that?

Assistant Kremnev: Right. There shouldn’t be any more because I’ll be reaching out to you. If there is something—Tiffanee Bird, Senator Bird mentioned that I wrote in VP Bird instead of VP Brain at one point. If you see something like that, let me know. Dexton made it clear yesterday that in order to fix minutes, that has to be done in a meeting. I can’t just edit it. But, if you see something, you can send it to me, and I can put it on the agenda and make sure that we talk about it. Awesome, thank you.

President Ahmed: Thank you anna. Please do that. That’s important. Let’s catch the question marks. It’ll be a little game.
Assistant Kremnev: I’ll just compliment myself. “Jared Fry says that Anna has the most amazing hair.”

President Ahmed: That’ll be part of my President’s Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Now we’ll go ahead into unfinished business. We have the date picked as Monday next week after Academic Senate meeting at 5 to 6, that’s what most of the Doodle Poll indicated where most people can meet. That gives us an hour, because I know there’s a meeting after.

VP Jessop: So, we’re meeting from five to six?

President Ahmed: Yeah, from five to six.

Senator Fry: So, the seventeenth from five to six?

President Ahmed: Yes.

Assistant Kremnev: No, the sixteenth.

President Ahmed: No, the sixteenth, sorry. Put that on your calendar and please come prepared for that.

VP Tomlinson: Here?

President Ahmed: Yes, in this room where we can all be accommodated. Is there anything else? Anna...

Assistant Kremnev: I think VP Rivera was the only one who wasn’t available throughout that whole window.

VP Rivera Soto: Yeah.

Assistant Kremnev: Is that right?

VP Rivera Soto: Yes, but I can try to see if I can reschedule.

Assistant Kremnev: Okay, you’re awesome.

President Ahmed: Were most of the other officers available?

Assistant Kremnev: Yeah, everybody but—

President Ahmed: 21 out of 22? That’s the best time. That’s all we have for unfinished business. Did anyone have a question? Alright.

NEW BUSINESS

I thought I heard something for new business. There’s no new business.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Officer accountability
VP Tomlinson: We finished registration for Powder Puff. I’ve ordered Powder Puff shirts. Everything, including the SSA booth, is scheduled.

VP Low: Student Events office added about 35 freshmen to committees. The first Moonlight and Music is this week on Thursday and there’ll be s’mores.

Senator Fry: I met with my council on Friday about some events that we want to make changes to for the fall. They haven’t done any events typically, so we’re going to incorporate a couple of graduate socials. We talked about our plans for Mental Health Week.

Director Olds: Your rebrand suites are completed. If you have the old USUSA logo, get rid of it.

VP Lake: Next week is CAAS week, so support Senator Brost. Not the next week but the week after is Business week, so please support Senator Dent. You can read what events are happening in the Academic Senate minutes. It’s important that we support them. Please share the Fee Board graphic. I had my council meeting and committee assignments were made for improving transparency of student fees. I’m working with President Ahmed on a student safety initiative. We’re working on a media series to give the reasons for our student fees. We’re working to broaden our idea of what inclusion is, beyond minorities to include disabilities, gender, and sex.

VP Patino: I’m meeting with my directors tomorrow to pick my CoSCO team. I’m having my second meeting with Diversity Cabinet. We’re planning more about Diversity Week in mid-October.

VP Jessop: SSA is choosing our committee members today. Our opening social went really well. The AggieFunded page for the ramp should be up today. I’ll let you know when that graphic is ready. We’re preparing for Homecoming now.

VP River Soto: Next Wednesday at 7 PM here Allison Adams Perlac is coming to talk to GRC. She’s the Director of the Office of Equity. She’s coming to give us an overview of what Title IX is. I’ve been looking at the relationship between Greek Life and USUSA and how we’re ensuring there are safety measures, so students are being protected. Students were upset about how the alert was sent without much information, but that’s because of the Cleary Act; they have to put that information out. Coming on Wednesday would be really good if you want to know more about that. I’ve been getting a lot of questions through MyVoice because it’s Rush Week. Senator Chamberlain and Senator Karras came to me and brought up the idea of doing a sustainability check for events, like using paper cups or having people bring their own bottles to PoBev.

VP Brain: All of my directors are on the ground getting their programs going. If you know anyone who wants to get involved, we have 16 new things. I’m proud of how the kickoff went.

President Ahmed: Thank you. Dr Morales asked us to read these books in connection with a speaker coming in October. It’s dealing with race and being an inclusive campus. I’ll let you know when I have a date.

VP Low: I have an addition to my report. Thank you all so much for successful Weeks of Welcome. We had record attendance at PoBev, like 1,500 people there. The movie went well, too. It was brought to our attention that the TSC is thinking of tearing down the auditorium without notice. I think it’s something to look into because it’s important to me, to a lot of clubs, and a lot of organizations.

Senator Fry: Do you know what they plan on having instead of the auditorium?

VP Low: I understood it was going to become a Welcome Center, a place for the Veteran’s Affairs office, and the LatinX Cultural Center.
VP Rivera Soto: When are they planning to take it down?

President Ahmed: I’ve been meeting with James and Spencer about this. We’re meeting with Dave Cowley about it. I’ll keep you updated.

VP Rivera Soto: Who is in charge of this?

President Ahmed: We’re not aware of who is calling the shots. As soon as we know what’s happening and why I’ll bring it back here to discuss.

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spencer Bitner: The TSC reached out several times, the best resource on that is going to be Sami. Cooper will be arranging a group meeting for the TSC Policy Board. They have the majority vote for the policy. Hopefully we can get some resolution. This is the second year that they’ve had this conference for inclusion and equity, so it’s exciting. Academic Senate is working on getting students on the Sustainability Council. When is the Fee Board application deadline?

VP Lake: September 29th.

Spencer Bitner: If you want to be involved in street painting, go to the website under Traditions.

VP Low: Send your index number to Director Rasmussen.

Spencer Bitner: Linda is sad she’s not here. You should all be excited that Noelle is taking the time to visit this chamber. Come very well prepared with good questions

President Ahmed: Thank you. Visiting is something I’ve asked President Cockett to do. She’s agreed to come every two or three weeks. She’ll bring individuals from campus that deal with specific issues. I think we should take advantage of this.

ADJOURNMENT

VP Rivera-Soto: Moved / Director Olds: Second / Voting body: Passed

IN ATTENDANCE: Spencer Bitner, President Sami Ahmed, VP Dexton Lake, VP Braden Tomlinson, VP Cooper Low, Senator Jared Fry, Director Cameron Olds, VP Jenny Patino, VP Tarren Jessop, VP Paulina Rivera-Soto, VP Emma Brain, Assistant Anna Kremnev