

DPS Advisory Board meeting - 12/9/20 via Zoom

1. COVID Response -
 - a. University Response – met in March to plan for the upcoming summer and fall semesters to develop procedures.
 - b. Department Response – DPS has a set of procedures followed on a daily basis. They are notified with positive cases from the county, they notify the professor, department and VC area.

2. Community Policing – Prior to COVID, an officer was assigned to a residence hall to get to know the students and allow the students to be comfortable with the officer. This stopped in March due to the lockdown. DPS would like ideas to continue interaction with students during the pandemic. Several suggestions were made and listed below.
 - Integrate officers into a portion of the University 101 curriculum. This is a class is required for incoming freshman.
 - Another university sets up 2 hours a week that an officer is available by Zoom to ask anything. Students aren't required to make an appointment.
 - There was also a suggestion to use "Calendly". This would allow students to set up a meeting with an officer on their own. The software coordinates automatically with the officer's schedule.

3. The 2019 Annual Crime Statistics report was distributed and discussed. This report was also emailed to campus before break. Our numbers are good in comparison to other campuses our size. The crime rate should be interpreted in context. For example, there were 16 burglaries reported, several of those were at Southern Hills which is vacant. The crime rate has significantly decreased since 2012.