

Safety Advisory Committee Report to Academic Senate

October 28, 2026 (Committee Meeting Date October 14, 2026)

Announcements:

- There will be closures of the sidewalk near Student Housing and the Stadium as work continues.
- The District Office is moving office space away from the Weill Institute and more Public Safety training courses will be offered at the Wiell.

Completed Items:

- The Campus Bollard project has been completed. This restricts unauthorized vehicles from entering the campus. College Safety can be contacted if access to routes blocked by bollards is required.
- The Committee Charge has been reviewed, edited, and approved by the committee to forward to Academic Senate.
- Clery Annual Compliance, which is the completion of the [Annual Security Report](#) by October 1st each year has been completed and posted.
- Active Assailant Training was conducted on October 8th and 9th.
- SGA Resolution for deaf light notification: The color-coded lights mentioned in the resolution (Cuesta College, University of Nebraska) are used with the Alertus Beacon system. That system is not compatible with our One Alert system. We have tested the Alertus Beacon system in the past, but that system does not meet our needs, which includes phones and speakers. Mitel, which is our current provider, meets our needs. IT has discussed moving away from Mitel, but that is a district-wide discussion and has not happened at this point. DSPS also brought up concerns regarding flash rates, intensity, placement, and synchronization of an indoor lighting system, as it relates to emergency lighting. People with different sensitivities could be triggered by flashing lights. We encourage all BC employees and students to register for BC emergency notifications in Banner. Students will receive a phone call, text message, and email regarding the emergency and can plan accordingly.

Upcoming Items:

- Commissioning of the Bakersfield College Police Department is still planned. Bakersfield College Chief of Police position search is still underway. This position will create the College Police Department. Additional College Safety presence will be available when the student housing goes live, which is planned for January 2027 allowing students to move in the week before the spring semester begins.
- 24-Hour Housing / Campus Access: A concern was raised regarding whether students will be permitted to remain on the main campus, outside of their housing, during hours when the campus is typically closed. We are currently having conversations with the college to clarify expectations and determine how this will be communicated to students and the broader community. We hope to have more information and an answer by the next meeting. We want to proactively address any concerns or questions that may arise before they become larger issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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