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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS OPERATIONS
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CO.24.10 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Campus Operations

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on Campus Operations (CO) during the 2023-2024 academic year. CO held three meetings during the fall 2023 semester (September 13, October 11, November 8) and four meetings during the spring 2024 semester (January 24, February 14, March 20, April 17). More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

CO.24.02, Diversity Spend

Kayci Puckett, Director, Procurement Services, shared information regarding diversity spend. Diversity spend encourages increased utilization of businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

CO.24.03, Illini-Alert and UIPD Communication

Mathew Ballinger, Deputy Chief, Division of Public Safety, Kate Kaput, Clery Compliance Coordinator, Division of Public Safety, and Patrick Wade, Chief of Staff, Division of Public Safety, presented information on the Clery Act and the requirements to send out an Illini-Alert. The Clery Act is a consumer protection law whose goal is to provide transparency around campus crime policy and statistics. Illini-Alert provides emergency information and instruction by utilizing text messages, email, and digital display signs across campus.

CO.24.04, Update on Threat Assessment Team

Moni Marcelo, Director, Office of Threat Assessment, provided an update on the Threat Assessment Team (TAT). The Office of Threat Assessment was formed in 2022 and TAT was created in 2023. The Threat Assessment Program strives to prevent targeted violence by employing a proactive, evidence-based approach to the assessment and management of threats posed, or potentially posed, to or by members of the university community.

CO.24.05, Update on Campus Vendors and Café Operations

Jim Trail, Assistant Director – Vendor Services, Illini Union, provided an update on vendors within the Illini Union and the future plans for potential vendors.

CO.24.06, Update on Willard Airport Operations and Initiatives

Timothy Bannon, Executive Director, Willard Airport Commercial Operations, provided an update on current operations and initiatives at Willard Airport. Willard Airport’s economic impact to the community includes more than \$10 million in visitor spending, \$19.5 million in payroll for airport jobs, and \$20 million in capital improvement projects in the last five years.

CO.24.07, Update on the Ice Arena

Marcus Jackson, Executive Director, Division of Campus Recreation, and Lowa Mwilambwe, Associate Vice Chancellor for Auxiliary, Health & Wellbeing, Student Affairs presented an update on the Ice Arena. Discussions have taken place with the Illinois Student Council (ISC) and the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) for student feedback. Proposed options for the Ice Arena include renovating it, renovating it into a multi-purpose court that would include an e-sports lounge, renovating it into a turf field that would also include an e-sports lounge, or closing the Ice Arena.

CO.24.08, Discussion on MTD SafeRides

Jay Rank, Operations Director, MTD, and Amy Snyder, Deputy Managing Director, MTD led a discussion on MTD SafeRides. SafeRides is an on-demand van service providing a safe ride for individuals traveling at night in areas of campus where standard bus service is unavailable.

CO.24.09, Discussion on SafeWalks

Gregory Snipes, Security Guard Supervisor, Division of Public Safety, led a discussion on SafeWalks. SafeWalks is a free service provided to UIUC students, faculty, and staff. SafeWalks is staffed with trained Student Patrol officers who will escort individuals to their destination.

II. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

CO.24.01, Facility Condition Assessment

The Facility Condition Assessment is an initiative that was approved by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees in May 2023. This initiative provides the first comprehensive review on systems and equipment for all major buildings at the Urbana-Champaign campus since 2003.

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