

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Present: Deborah Sherman, Chair
Saby Moulik, member
Ray Thomlison, member
Ruben Almaguer, guest and Assistant Vice President,
Disaster Management & Emergency Operations

The meeting began with Deborah sharing an update on the Committee's recent contacts and meeting with various campus personnel related to the gun safety issues. Some discussion followed, particularly on forthcoming, additional information gathering and coordination of meetings with additional related Campus services.

Assistant Vice President, Almaguer was welcomed and asked to provide some history to his background experiences and to speak to his current responsibilities.

Mr. Almaguer began his career with the Miami Dade EMS and Fire Department. His career also involved senior positions with State Government serving in Tallahassee on all State wide emergency measures programs.

He was hired by FIU to be the manager of the emergency measures on all campus locations of FIU. Mr. Almaguer presented a most impressive overview of the emergency measures in place at FIU, including BBC and all facilities where FIU is "off the main campuses", e.g., Brickell. He detailed the wide range of emergency measures programs on Campus and the ongoing planning. Description of "mock" occurrences and the continued practicing of responses by all personnel involved. In his presentation, he referred to the Command Center and its role in coordinating all services and activities in the event of any occurrence on Campus, including BBC.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee, having been very impressed with the presentation and the fact that we knew little about the operations of Vice-President's Emergency Operations, that the Faculty Senate, Steering Committee should be requested to extend an invitation to present to the Faculty Senate in the weeks to come.