

**Florida International University  
Faculty Senate  
Sub-Committee of Health, Safety, and Wellness  
Meeting Thursday, October 6, 2015 at 11:15 am**

**Present:**

Deborah Witt Sherman  
Ray Thomlison  
Sabyasachi Moulik

Topic	Discussion	Outcome
Approval of the minutes of October 1, 2015.	No discussion	Approved by committee.
Meeting with Alexander D. Casas, Chief, Florida International University Police Department	<p>The sub-committee had a very productive meeting with Alexander D. Casas, Chief, Florida International University Police Department. <b>Chief Casas appreciates an active relationship with the committee to identify and address university safety issues.</b></p> <p>We discussed many issues relating to safety including sexual assault on campus, behavioral problems among students and faculty, smoking <b>and current public access</b> to the library, active shooter scenario (possibility and probability), current gun laws on campus, conducting safety drill for active shooter, and <b>the development of critical incident protocols in collaboration with emergency management.</b></p> <p>Most US universities are not gun free zones, concealed weapons cannot be carried on a person (however, guns can be stored in the trunk of any person's car).</p> <p>There is need for including</p>	<p>The committee prioritized and <b>will arrange</b> the following meetings to address on campus safety meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meet with general council (<b>Kristina Rattama</b>) and vice-president of governmental relations (<b>Michelle Palacio</b>)</li> <li>2. Meeting with <b>Department of Emergency Management</b> (Amy Aiken) and CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services).</li> </ol>

	<p>universities under the umbrella of school districts, <b>making public and state universities gun free zones.</b> Florida International University can take the initiative <b>to address this issue by drafting a formal resolution to be voted on by the FIU Faculty Senate.</b> This would then be shared with other Universities in the State system for their consideration and potential support.</p>	
Next Meeting		<p><b>D. Sherman will work with Maria Cossio, Faculty Senate Administrative Assistant, to arrange meetings as above with committee members and invitation to Chief Casas to attend.</b></p>

Meeting adjourned at 12.30 pm.

**Sabyasachi Moulik, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor  
Cellular Biology and Pharmacology  
11200 S.W. 8th St., AHC2 461, Miami, FL 33199  
(305) 348-4388 [smoulik@fiu.edu](mailto:smoulik@fiu.edu)

