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Committee on Physical Resources Planning


The Committee on Physical Resources Planning has reviewed the Campus Safety Task Force Draft report and Recommendations.

The report generally appears to have few clear implications for our Committee. The primary exception, however, pertains to the redefinition of the role and scope of the UCRPD. The Committee notes that a key question to address is whether the current UCRPD location (at the edge of campus and somewhat disconnected) is (a) an appropriate space and (b) sufficiently large to house the expanded role of the department.

Collocation is a powerful organization design tool that can foster greater familiarity and trust, so a more central location may facilitate the shift in mission and vision this report calls for (e.g., on p.9, 1.A&B). The committee further notes that having/expanding accessibility of a safety satellite office in the HUB makes sense. Encouraging more biking/walking by safety people would be helpful for physical resources.

Finally, Theme 1, p.9, sub-point 1.a) iii. Mentions one more satellite office among vulnerable communities for which space would need to be identified and allocated.