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To: President Coleman, Faculty Senate, Staff Council, Student Government

From: University Safety and Security Committee

Re: Committee Charter

On March 6, 1997 a memo was read to the University Safety and Security Committee from the Staff Council Committee on Committees requesting that we review the section of the UI Operation Manual that lists our duties and make recommendations for changes or corrections. The Safety and Security Committee felt that its role was not accurately portrayed by the current charter. (See attached present and proposed committee charges.)

This committee was formed during the turbulent 1960's that witnessed mass demonstrations and confrontational settings. At that time the committee would and could advise on training and selection of security personnel which at that time meant just the security guards. Then they would advise on those guards being assigned "Special Status" which included possible peace officer status and would advise on the right to carry arms. Sections 2 (b) and (e) of the current charter set forth these responsibilities.

After much discussion over the course of the following year, a draft proposal was presented to, revised by, and approved by the committee. When submitted for consideration, that draft was approved by Student Government, but both the Faculty Senate and Staff Council advised against approving the changes, due in part to the lack of explanation of the rationale for the changes. The Safety and Security Committee has again reviewed the documents and prepared another draft proposal. The major changes are the deletion of items 2 (e) which addresses "building watch" activities by faculty and students, because no such programs currently exist, and the elimination of item 2(b) because the committee does not now nor have they in recent memory advised on the hiring of Department of Public Safety personnel. The UI Department of Human Services determines hiring practices for the entire campus. The DPS employs guards and law enforcement officers, there is no "special status" category, and the issue of right to carry arms is decided by the Board of Regents and the administrative branches of the state supported universities. In addition we have reinstated the term "advise" which we had replaced with "review" throughout our original proposal.

The University Safety and Security Committee would appreciate your review and further consideration of this matter.

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2.8(22) Charge to the Committee.

- (1) The Committee shall be governed by the terms of the General Charter.
- (2) In addition, the Committee shall regularly:
  - (a) Advise on policies and procedures regarding the responsibilities of the University Public Safety Department to insure that such policies and procedures are in place and that they are in agreement with the University's mission.
  - (b) Advise on policies and procedures concerning the use of campus areas or facilities with respect to safety and security.
  - (c) Advise on existing policies and procedures relating to campus wide emergencies, evaluate and make recommendations regarding comprehensive response to emergencies that have occurred.
  - (d) Advise on existing agreements between University Public Safety and non-University law enforcement agencies concerning both routine and emergency conditions.