**Planning and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Spotlight Room**

**Call to Order**

Present: Jimmy Holmes, Carl Palmer, Jeff Helms, Lea Cline, Wendy Polifika, Zach Roy, Rick Valentin

Absent: Dan Elkins, Amanda Hendrix, Paige Hofstetter, Vishal Midha

**Roll Call**

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Committee Minutes**   
Approved.

**Chairperson’s Remarks**

Rick Valentin: We will not be having Chief Woodruff or Deputy General council joining us at this meeting. So, let’s take a look at these policies which we have on our issues pending.

**Order of Business:**

1. Issues Pending

*5.1.1 Concealed Carry and Prohibited Weapons Policy*

* Rick Valentin: We will be first looking at 5.1.1 which is on teams. This has the comments from Alice and some suggested changed. I also added in some notes from the initial look at this. So, does anyone have any comments?
  + Under Exceptions, Item 1, we added a section from general council, any thoughts?
* Jimmy Holmes: This seems quite reasonable.
* Jeff Helms: They are the policy owner as well; this makes good sense.
* Rick Valentin: I know that we had some questions about the section about on-duty and off-duty law enforcement in the exceptions.
  + In item three the question on whether a glove department counts as a case. We will have General council and isu pd look at this.
* Lea Cline: And Alice (Deputy general counsel) Looked at this?
* Rick Valentin: Yes, she has
* Jeff Helms: We are using other areas of law to make this, and I personally want to hear from the chief and Alice why we have some specific wording regarding concealed carry, specifically regarding exceptions. We have some wording where we would require a concealed carry for having firearms in place like a car where Illinois Law would allow this with just a FOID card. I would like to hear more about this.
* Lea Cline: My question is if there is superseding legislation that sets universities into a different category?
* Jeff Helms: That is what I was talking about earlier with mentioning the piece of legislation. All I am inquiring about is legal transport and storage, as our policy has different requirements that Illinois Law. I am curious as to why we have elected to take that step further as an institution.
* Carl Palmer: Would you rather change the bullet point to foid card?
* Jeff Helms: We have to be careful here, as some of the things we have require a concealed carry.
* Carl Palmer: What if we changed some language?
* Jeff Helms: I would like to hear exactly why they do not want to separate out legal storage.
* Lea Cline: I imagine it is because we are using the word person, there is a difference between a student have a vehicle with a firearm in it all the time versus a person bringing it on to campus every now and then when they are driving through.
* Rick Valentin: What would be a good question to state our concern?
* Jeff Helms: If I am legally storing and transporting, why are we choosing to invoke a part of Illinois law? Exception three allow for people to store in their vehicle if they have a concealed carry license. A lot of the verbiage talks about a person having it in access, but properly transported and secured firearms do not fall into this.
* Lea Cline: I am thinking that you are wondering about the word concealed, whether this is a legal definition or not.
* Rick Valentin: In this list of definitions, I believe this is saying that you must have a concealed carry, whereas Illinois Law does not require this.
* Lea Cline: Do elementary schools allow this?
* Jeff Helms: The law does specifically state that they are not allowed but does not mention universities.
* Rick Valentin: You mentioned the A-5 Section of the concealed carry act.
* Jeff Helms: I do want to mention that I am not necessarily in favor of concealed carry, but I do feel that I should be allowed to have my firearm when I am about to leave for vacation and when I am following Illinois Law to the fullest extent possible.
* Rick Valentin: I am trying to wordsmith the violations section, just trying to find a different way to change this instead of your supervisor, removing this or trying to word that. We could just have a section saying to contact the university police instead of the supervisor in addition. “In case of emergency, the ISU university police should be contacted?”
* Lea Cline: This is a policy not a law, you are supposed to report policy violations to your supervisor, for when things are not arising to the level to call the police.
* Wendy Polifka: Shouldn’t there be verbiage for an emergency.
* Lea Cline: She might say that there might need to be two separates for policy violations and legal violations.
* Rick Valentin: And then my question is that, should we have the same language as in other policies.
* Lea Cline: This issue is with the passive voice; we should have different wording here.
* Jimmy Holmes: What if it is a student, students don’t have supervisors.
* Lea Cline: They might?
* Jimmy Holmes: What if a professor is having a weapon or something, what would the student do.
* Lea Cline: We should ask Alice for what we should say, as you are right, we do want information on what the rules on students should be. Is there language in the student code of conduct on this.
* Jimmy Holmes: But if it is a student’s knowledge of someone who is not a student it does not follow under the student code of conduct.
* Lea Cline: If we add in applicable after supervisor it might fix some of the issues.
* Rick Valentin: I am going to add a draft here, with some of this language. We have some other stuff from the general council office, regarding language, we do have a change from IL state police to ISU university police. We also have some grammar and wording changes.
* Jimmy Holmes: Does this reporting section have to be limited to students?
* Rick Valentin: That is the question right, is it students or students and staff?
* Lea Cline: If we have a teacher in the laboratory school, they should be treated the same.
* Jimmy Holmes: I imagine that it has to do with the mandatory reporting laws.
* Lea Cline: Don’t mandatory reporting laws also require them to report against adults.
* Rick Valentin: The clear and present danger definition, this is the statutory definition, this has been added in. The concealed firearm, General council has suggested a definition for handgun.
* Jimmy Holmes: This is not clear that it is not referring to other policies, in section 24-1.
* Lea Cline: They do not want to link as sometimes the links might become dead.
* Jimmy Holmes: The wording implies that the definitions can be found in another policy.
* Rick Valentin: Some of these definitions or descriptions might be found in another code.
* Lea Cline: We might want to have a way to not have to change this every time there is gun legislation.
* Rick Valentin: That is what happens with other policies.
* Lea Cline: However, it is usually not that specific.
* Carl Palmer: The definitions are very specific.
* Lea cline: The definitions are so specific that I have to ask if we are setting ourselves up for failure.
* Carl Palmer: Could we not just say a machine gun as defined by the criminal code.
* Jeff Helms: That would also work with the next sections as well.
* Lea Cline: If we were to have specific definitions it would be very specific, with terms like globular.
* Rick Valentin: When we have her come to the next meeting, we will get some clarity and feedback.

*5.1.19 University Violence Policy*

* Rick Valentin: Next, we have the university violence policy, we have some feedback on this.
* Lea Cline: It should say the “Illinois State University Police”
* Rick Valentin: The question is in the contact information for these policies as well. Which is already in there.
* Rick Valentin: So, this is the responsibilities section, we just need to add the word immediately, there is also language on supervisors in here which we could borrow. There is also a comment about including the redbird care team for faculty and staff.
* Jimmy Holmes: Is there a question as to why this does not include animals?
* Lea Cline: Animals are generally considered property.
* Zach Roy: I know the student code of conduct is considering this.
* Rick Valentin: I believe this would follow under a new policy.
* Lea Cline: If there is any concern a letter should be written to exec.
* Rick Valentin: Moving on the adjustment under weapons and the inclusion of the campus violence prevention plan. Anything else?

**Lea Cline Motions to approve changes.**

**All in favor.**

*5.1.7 Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus Policy*

* Rick Valentin: Do we want to start the discussion on this policy, if as you are looking through if you have issues feel free to add comments and suggested edits into this document.
* Lea Cline: Since environmental health and safety is the owner do we need to ask them about the policy.

Motion to adjourn.

**Adjourn**