TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

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DATE: December 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Security and Fire Safety Report

PURPOSE: Information Item

Purpose of Submittal:

Provide the Board of Trustees with information regarding Western Washington University’s compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

Western Washington University
Security and Fire Safety Report Update
December 2019

Background: In November 1990, the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (referred to as the “Clery Act”) was signed into law. As a result, all institutions participating in federal student aid programs are required to:

- Prepare and distribute an annual security and fire safety report to all members of the campus community (http://www.wwu.edu/vpess/annualsafetyreport.shtml) which sets forth the law enforcement authority of campus police, includes information on where and how crimes should be reported, and discloses three years’ worth of crime trends including alcohol and other drug-related statistics, arrests and disciplinary referrals for the campus, areas immediately adjacent to or running through the campus, and certain non-campus facilities including leased housing and remote classrooms; and
- Provide timely warning to the campus community of crimes which may pose a threat to the safety and/or welfare of students and employees.

In 2018, the Western Alert System, through which timely warnings are conveyed, was utilized on several occasions to send messages to the campus community regarding safety concerns and inclement weather warnings. The system is tested during fall, winter and spring quarters, when the majority of students are on campus.
Security and Fire Safety Report: All information that Western is required to distribute annually to the campus community under state and/or federal mandates is compiled into one publication, the Security and Fire Safety Report. Published each fall, the report includes educational materials, key policies and procedures, resources for students and employees, and an annual summary of campus crime and residence hall fire statistics.

- The Clery Act specifies the crimes/violations that are to be published. These are reflected in the 2019-20 Security and Fire Safety Report, on pages 17-25 and include all separate campuses and all categories required by federal law.

Campus Security Authorities: Staff members who have “significant responsibility for student and campus activities” are required to document any Clery Act-designated crime reported to them for inclusion in Western’s annual campus crime statistics. Western has identified staff members whose positions fall under the Department of Education’s definition of campus security authorities (CSAs). Reports submitted by CSAs are forwarded to University Police for follow-up and verification.

Prevention and outreach efforts
Western has continued its commitment to actively provide outreach and educational programming to the Western community. Prevention and Wellness Services has been providing, and continues to provide, training on bystander intervention to varsity athletic teams, club sports, and to all students via an online tutorial.

Programs to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are provided to the Associated Students Board and Resource and Outreach Programs Coordinators; University Police; Resident Advisors; students studying abroad (during pre-departure); international students; Peer Health Educators and peer advisors from a variety of programs, and through faculty request to a variety of academic classes. In addition, these prevention efforts are being augmented in order to meet the new requirements in the Campus Sexual Assault Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act) provision of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (revised 2014). Information about prevention efforts can be found on pages 30-89.

Distribution of report
A link to the report is emailed to each student in fall quarter. This email also contains information about the student conduct code (https://wp.wwu.edu/officeofstudentlife/reporting-a-concern-or-complaint/); information about sexual violence - including resources and reporting options (https://wp.wwu.edu/sexualviolence/); and, general safety resources (http://www.wwu.edu/campus-safety-resources).