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.

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 university community (http://www.wwu.edu/vpess/annualsafetyreport.shtml) which sets forth the law enforcement authority of university 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 university, areas immediately adjacent to or running through the university, and certain non-university facilities including leased housing and remote classrooms; and

- Provide timely warning to the university community of crimes which may pose a threat to the safety and/or welfare of students and employees.

Clery Crime Statistics

The Clery Act specifies the crimes/violations that are to be published. These are reflected in the 2020 Security and Fire Safety Report (http://www.wwu.edu/vpess/annualsafetyreport.shtml) see pages 17-31 and include all separate campuses and all categories required by federal law. The three most recent years’ worth of crime data are required to be included in the report to provide perspective and to compare crime trends year-to-year. The 2020 report includes crime data for the calendar years 2018 through 2020.
Enhanced Reporting and Compliance

Western’s Clery Guidance Committee, which includes representation from Student Life, Public Safety, and University Compliance, has continued to meet regularly to direct and manage the university’s compliance with the Clery Act. The Clery Compliance Steering Committee, which is co-chaired by the Executive Director for Student Life and the Director for Public Safety, is comprised of key university stakeholders touched by the Clery Act.

Clery compliance was enhanced in academic year 2021-22 in the following areas:

- A subcommittee was formed to focus on maintaining an accurate status of all the properties under Western’s control to ensure crime data is accurately reported, and to develop and utilize a rationale for short-stay trips sponsored by Western to ensure crime data is collected and accurately reported.

- A second subcommittee was formed to focus on developing a draft policy and procedures to address reporting a missing student who resides in university housing. This draft policy is completed and is currently moving forward through the university policy approval process.

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

The annual 2020 Security and Fire Safety Report was distributed to the University community in late September 2021 and is available here: [http://www.wwu.edu/vpess/annualsafetyreport.shtml](http://www.wwu.edu/vpess/annualsafetyreport.shtml).