

Order of The Golden Bear

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ESTABLISHED 1900

Temporary Meeting Location, September 11th, 2018

Items for the good of the Order:

A fellow reminded us that the sesquicentennial will be continuing throughout the remainder of 2018 to March 23rd 2019 to celebrate our 150th year.

A fellow reminded us about the standards about the order. Honesty and integrity. Respect and Civility both inside and out. Active leadership inside and out. The fellow reminded everyone that we should never miss an opportunity to follow our protocols and then dove deep on the organization's future regarding intolerable behavior.

The warden reminded that all members are encouraged to join the Order Council as it is an opportunity to really help the fellowship of the order to the highest regard. Please reach out to the Warden to fill out those roles.

The warden also reminded everyone to acknowledge that today is the 17th anniversary of 9/11.

Items for the good of the University:

The first topic discussed about the order was People's Park. Certain fellows believed that they felt unsafe, and others discussed that we should not criminalize people for being homeless. The fact was brought up that members of People's Park are more susceptible of crimes than the victims of crimes

The conversation then swayed towards the perception that crime is increasing due to more awareness. Fellows brought up the different communication services that are available, and wonder if they make people feel less safe. Other fellows felt that since people are more aware of their surroundings, it is making the campus community feel much more safe.

The conversation then went back to people's park detailing that regardless of the solution, the problem isn't going away and the University needs to address it. A fellow brought up as a question on whether people's park is just a place from outside to commit crimes or whether it comes from within, and how it affects people who are differently abled.

A fellow brought up that 2015 and 2016 were some of the best measures by any quantitative measure that the FBI records, (they record in 8 different categories.) since 2003. Even 2017 was much lower than any of the past years. In 2018, our violent crime rates are lower than in the previous two springs. The fellow brought up although the Nixle alerts are alerting people and giving a sense of things getting worse, they actually are not.

A fellow brought up that a great deal of the shuttle stops on campus are in very dim areas on campus that really make many students feel unsafe. The fellow also brought up that all of the safety podiums are actually dysfunctional or out of order. Regarding the Nixle alerts, they typically come much after the crime and doesn't really help regarding any form of the safety.

Fellows then brought up the flaws in certain tools that are unsafe as well. A fellow then brought up that there is actually a massive project to improve the lighting at night on campus. The fellow then brought up the fact the Nixle is supposed to be a way for people to understand different places that are safe and aren't. A fellow brought up that several services that we use are not accurate. Specifically, the ones that we use via apps and bus transits are not always on time which can really endanger students.

A fellow brought up that they feel that it is hard to even describe to new and interested students about the safety of the campus as it is a common question received by many ambassadors to the university. The fellow brought up that this is a common sentiment about campus around.

One fellow brought up that up many buildings on campus feel incredibly unsafe. This as well as University housing services.

One fellow brought up protestors of the right-wing protests that occur on campus make certain African American students and members of our community feel incredibly unsafe. The fellow also brought up that sexual assault and other members of assault are other important aspects to security.

A fellow brought up that we as members of the community we all need to take action to be able be safe and make good decisions in what we want to engage in and what we don't want to engage. A fellow then asked the fellowship of what methods and information we can take to protect ourselves in a better and stronger way. The general theme of most following fellows is that we also need to rely on ourselves to stay safe. A fellow then brought up that they see many people who are down looking at their cellphones and running into different people because of it and if you are on your cellphone to please keep your head up.

A fellow then brought up that there is information on the UCPD website as well as classes towards self-defense, as well as children defense classes to help them become

more aware of their surroundings over the summer. There is also a list of safety protocols, such as not texting while walking, without earbuds. Just the previous night there was a robbery where the victim was talking on the cell phone. We do have the responsibility of the safety of those around us.

The fellowship then talked about the different views of the police. A fellow brought up that certain members of the community do not always feel protected by the those who are sworn to serve and protect them. A fellow then brought up the fact that there should be more public outreach about the police involvement.

A fellow then brought up that they have read data has gone down, but this has not necessarily helped the public perception of the university. Furthermore, many incoming freshman are not always educated about the safety features however the education has gotten much better in recent years. The fellow then commended UCPD on their timely response times.

A fellow then brought up that UCPD is located in the basement of Sproul. Another security incidence that the fellow brought up was infrastructure, as an explosion of copper occurred when the fellow was an undergraduate.

A fellow then brought up the fact that out of state and international students could be a bigger threat because of the rationale someone willing to steal a smartphone or personal item would be more willing to justify it from someone spending more on tuition. The fellow then brought up that we cannot compare our crime circumstances with other universities that are much more isolated.

A fellow then brought up a question about the data privacy and data analytics. A fellow then reported that the data does existed but has yet to be properly analyzed.

The conversation then swayed towards more security measures and stigmas of using them. A fellow then acknowledged that many people do not necessarily like to seem weak in front of their peers. And reminded people that if people should not feel reluctant to talk to their friends about people accompanying other people. The fellow also brought up that people also put their guard down when they are really close to where their destination is because of the familiarity of places, and that we should all still be aware regardless of where we are in actuality. A fellow then brought up the use of Bear Walk could be great if people feel worse about talking to their peers. Also that we should all take that initiative in offering to walk other people.

A fellow then brought up that many graduate students have very awful time sensitive experiments they may be doing that could really deter them from going home at a reasonable time. Furthermore, the fellow brought up that many students have security improperly called on them and there needs to be a culture shift on how we need to act as a community.

A fellow then brought up that there is a staffing and funding deficiency with Security from lighting to UCPD itself. They brought up that the coordination of all of the activities need to be funded in an appropriate way. A fellow then brought up that in 70s there were roughly 65 officers, in the 90s there were 80 officers, and today we only have 57 officers. Such a deficiency has been extremely draining on so many things in the system. The budget has not grown or shrunk, but they have had to incorporate costs internally more and more.

A fellow then described a sentiment in the fellow's personal experience that many people have the idea that "Yes it is an issue but it won't happen to me," and desires to see a culture shift that people need to begin to have a culture shift towards it.

The conversation then moved towards different members of the Berkeley community feeling unsafe for different reasons. A fellow then brought up that the housing market is being quickly gentrified, and that there are people who are lower income are forced in to more unsafe areas. A fellow then brought up that due to their identity on campus especially on September 11th didn't feel safe attending classes and people do not feel safe because of their identity. A fellow then brought up the topic of Earthquake safety on campus as many out of state students do not know anything about earthquake drills.

The conversation closed with remarks about training in emergency situations. A fellow brought up the gunman on Sproul in the previous week, and how nobody evacuated the area because of the lack of protocol. A fellow brought up that there is active shooter training however it is incredibly insensitive, and be as accessible as possible in the process. A fellow then brought up that there are ways to receive quick access to prepare yourself to get the level of assistance needed.

