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To: Bill Scroggins
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Subject: Re: Cabinet Notes from March 22nd

Bill,

Re the following paragraph in AP 3530, a couple of recommendations (A and B):

"Before taking place, activities on College property involving firearms or other weapons conducted under the direction of the College President ~~officials~~ or as authorized by ~~an official law enforcement agency~~ the California Penal Code shall be reported to the College Public Safety Department who in turn may as necessary notify the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Station in Walnut."

A.) I don't think that this proposed reporting process reflects the full implications of the language in Sect. 25605, which designates, in descending order, a detailed reporting and permission process. According to this 25605 (which remains unchanged from the original law), "unless it is with the written permission of the university or college president, his or her designee, or equivalent university or college authority..."

The proposed language in the AP appears to suggest that Public Safety is the first or only venue for obtaining permission to carry weapons on campus. Do you want to re-assign this authority solely to the discretion of Public Safety? The original language in 25605 (indicated above) is sufficiently clear, and it establishes a chain of authority that may be necessary to invoke or preserve in the future. The original language permits an official or designated unit to act on behalf of the President but also delineates a continuing thread of authority that, in my view, should be retained.

B.) The proposed language, "activities," in the primary clause does not reflect the law. The law (new and the original) is directed at "persons," not at "activities". Further, the proposed language in our AP does not identify the newly adopted exclusion of "concealed, but legally permitted, firearms" on the campus. This entire sentence needs further word-smithing. My sample:

Persons, except those permitted by the California Penal Code, must obtain prior written permission to carry firearms, legally concealed firearms, or other weapons onto College property from the university or college president, his or her designee, or equivalent university or college authority. Initial application for permission to carry firearms and other weapons onto College property shall be directed to the Chief of Public Safety.

The proposed final paragraph in the AP defines the exemptions re CPC.

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