Dear Colleagues,

I am unable to attend this week's Academic Senate Meeting and have requested that my comments be read to you in my absence.

I would like to follow up on the Emergency Alarm System deficiencies raised in the last meeting. The shortcomings in the EAS have admittedly been known and discussed among the administration in the District. I had hoped the Mr. Bailey (SMCCD Chief of Staff) would see the urgency of correcting these problems to ensure that our campus has the most secure environment possible. While Mr. Bailey was friendly and entertained questions and comments, he politely sidestepped the central issue by focusing on the security consultants, Margolis and Healy. He indicated that there would be more "forums" to address safety in the near future. It is my understanding (correct me if I'm wrong) that the Emergency Alarm System is under the purview of the State Fire Marshall which has specific codes. For example, I recently learned that rooms seating 49 people or more are required by the State Fire Marshal to have alarms and PA system. Forums with Margolis and Healy are largely irrelevant to this issue. We need an action plan.

I was also hoping to get answers to some of my original questions such as how many rooms at Skyline are without EAS? Do the new buildings being constructed have EAS? There has been no response to these questions.

I am not a security expert and depend on our administrators to make certain that our campus is as safe as possible. With yet another active shooter, this one here in San Bruno at YouTube, we need to do our due diligence.

Respectfully,
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