

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
of
LOYOLA CHICAGO

MEASURE OF THE SENATE
Crime Alerts Expansion Resolution

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- ¹**Whereas,** The Mission Statement of the Department of Campus Safety, hereafter referred to as Campus Safety, is “to promote and maintain a safe and secure environment in which the University's educational mission can be successful,”¹ and
- ²**Whereas,** The Clery Act is a federal statute requiring colleges and universities to provide information on reported crimes available to their communities,² and
- ³**Whereas,** The Clery Act requires that Campus Safety maintain a public police log with an updated list of crimes reported to the department,³ and
- ⁴**Whereas,** The Clery Act requires that Campus Safety issue a timely warning for Clery Act crimes that are “reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies; and considered by the institution to represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees,”⁴ and
- ⁵**Whereas,** The Clery Act geography is defined as,
- “Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution’s educational purposes, including residence halls; and Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to paragraph (1) of this definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and*

¹ https://www.luc.edu/safety/dept_mission.html

² <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2014-10-20/pdf/2014-24284.pdf#page=33>

³ https://www.luc.edu/safety/police_log.html

⁴ http://ncsam.clerycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/NCSAM18_Timely-Warning-Guide.pdf

supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor),”⁵ and

- ⁶Whereas,** Campus Safety patrol boundaries on the Lakeshore Campus are W. Pratt Blvd (North), N. Glenwood Ave (West), W Glenlake Ave (South), and Lake Michigan (East),⁶ and
- ⁷Whereas,** Loyola University of Chicago, hereafter referred to as LUC, students who live off-campus, referred to as Resi-muters, live in these regions in the surrounding Rogers Park and Edgewater community, and
- ⁸Whereas,** Campus Safety is not required to send crime alerts for crimes outside the geographical parameters of the Clery Act, and
- ⁹Whereas,** Safety is a primary concern for individuals at LUC and students have expressed frustration and confusion with the lack of communication, engagement, and crime alerts from Campus Safety, and
- ¹⁰Whereas,** The Student Government of Loyola Chicago, hereafter referred to as the SGLC, stated on their 2019-2020 Organizational Goals to “Advocate for the expansion of the perimeters of the crime alert system to include a secondary alert system for non-Clery Act crimes,”⁷ and
- ¹¹Whereas,** On the Spring 2020 SGLC Survey, 85.74% of 1,704 students agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: “Loyola's Campus Safety should develop an opt-in system that provides notifications (that are above and beyond those already required by the Clery Act) regarding crimes in neighborhoods surrounding campus,”⁸ and

⁵ https://www2.ed.gov/campus-crime/HTML/pdf/geo_identify.pdf

⁶ https://www.luc.edu/safety/jurisdiction_maps.html

⁷ <https://www.luc.edu/sglc/aboutus/2019-2020organizationalgoals/>

⁸ SGLC Spring 2020 Survey

- ¹²Whereas,** Several universities, such as the University of Iowa, Northern Illinois University, and University of Washington, send safety alerts to inform their student bodies of crimes that occur outside the parameters of the Clery Act, and
- ¹³Whereas,** Members of the SGLC, including but not limited to the Chair of Safety and Wellness, the President, and the Vice-President have met with members of the administration to talk about the expansion of the crime alert system including: Vice President Jane Neufeld, Chief of Campus Safety Thomas Murray, University President Dr. Jo Ann Rooney, and University Marketing and Communications Director of Communications Anna Rozenich, and
- ¹⁴Whereas,** These conversations have been helpful, productive, and allowed members of the SGLC to take part in the interview process of a new position within the University of Marketing and Communications, hereafter referred to as UMC, and
- ¹⁵Whereas,** This new Communications Specialist position will be asked to, “Develop and deploy Clery required Campus Safety Alerts with Campus Safety command and develop and deploy other educational and awareness communication.”⁹
- ¹Be It Resolved,** The SGLC recommends Campus Safety, in collaboration with the new UMC Communications Specialist and the SGLC, create an opt-in safety alert system to inform the LUC community of crimes that occur within patrol boundaries, and
- ²Be It Resolved,** The SGLC, specifically the Safety and Wellness Committee, maintains a consistent relationship with the Communications Specialist position, and

⁹ <https://www.careers.luc.edu/postings/13057>

³Be It Resolved, The SGLC recommends that the safety alert system is opt-in and delivered through text messages, calls, and/or emails, as well as social media.