The Campus Security and Safety Committee met on this day in North Engineering Research Center room 1012. The meeting addressed the following topics:

1- **Student safety on/near the road**

The increasing use of bikes and skateboards on the road and sidewalks remains an intricate safety issue. Although user education is a privileged approach and has been tried in some form, its impact may not occur until the longer term, which does not fit with the urgency of the matter resulting from the increased enrollment and growing popularity of skateboards.

The committee noted that the implementation of citations by UAPD has caught the attention of users in the recent past and might be an effective short-term interim approach, although it takes resources away from other duties.

There was also some discussion as to whether skateboard users were classified as pedestrians by the State instead of a means of transportation, or what the difference between skateboards and longboards was. The committee discussed and agreed that UA would have the authority to institute a campus wide policy for roadways over which it has jurisdiction.

As such, the committee decided to move forward with developing a policy statement for the University to consider in order to – at the least – assist UA law enforcement on the use of skateboards. A few examples/templates have been brought up and the effort would be. A draft for consideration will be developed and discussed at the next meeting, with the intent of possibly coordinating with other University committees (e.g. Campus Life, Parking and Transportation) and the Bike Advisory Group.

2- **Natural gas leak of Jan. 21, 2014**

There was a natural gas leak of Jan. 21, 2014 that led to the shut down of Sixth Avenue at Margaret Drive and Hackberry Lane, and the evacuation of several nearby buildings. The leak was small and discussion about the responses of the university and Tuscaloosa fire department found them to be appropriate.

3- **Campus evacuation plan / winter snow of Jan. 28, 2014**

Based on the traffic congestion experienced during the snow emergency shut down of Jan. 28, 2014, there might have been concerns about the effectiveness of the UA campus evacuation plan in case of emergency. However, the committee felt that the congestion of Jan. 28 arose because of congestion in all roads in the city, whereas a campus emergency evacuation would be affecting only the UA campus and would thus not likely encounter congestion on traffic means of egress out of campus.