

# Organizational Theory and Decision-Making of Your Clery Committee

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### **Presentation Overview**

- NACCO
- Overview of Organizational Theory
- Clery Committee & Its Purpose
- Application/Take-Aways
- Case Study (Time permitting)
- Questions

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# **Learning Outcomes**



By participating in this session, the attendee will:

- Gain a general understanding of Organizational Theory.
- Engage in an analysis and initial application of key theoretical concepts.
- Being to apply some concepts specific to the institution, the surrounding environment, and its impact on compliance effort with the Clery Act.
- Engage in an analysis of committee membership based on function.

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## What is Organizational Theory?



- The study of how organizations function and their relationship with their surrounding environment.
- Aims to understand organizations in order to improve efficiency and effectiveness.
- Organizations exist in order to accomplish certain product-related or economic goals.
- Assembly of people working together to achieve a common goal through an orchestrated division of labor (Hodge, Anthony, & Gales, 2006).

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# What is Organizational Theory?



Groups of **people** filling roles and working together toward the achievement of **common objectives** within a formal social structure (Birnbaum, 1998).

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# What is Organizational Theory?



Organizational Characteristics:

- Incredibly complex.
- Include an array of:
  - People
  - Departments
  - Technologies
  - Strategies & Goals
- Behavior is very hard to predict.
- Open systems dealing with changing, challenging, and erratic behavior (Bolman and Deal, 2017).

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# Organizational Theory – Higher Education

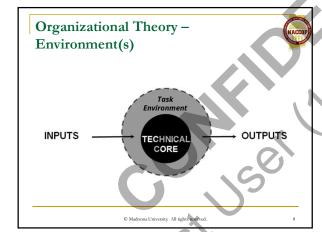


Primer of Organizational Environments

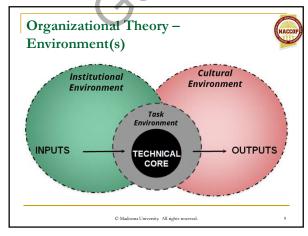
- Core Environment
  - □ Core identity this is the reason the organization exists.
- Task Environment
  - Exists to support AND protect the Core Environment.
- Cultural Environment
  - Local environment that shapes the organizational identity.
- Institutional Environment
  - Larger, broader environment that shapes the organizational identity.

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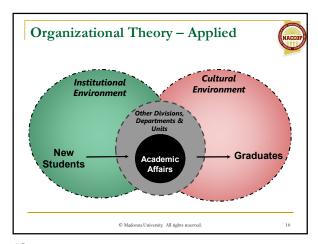
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# Organizational Theory & The Clery Committee The Clery Committee Most members come from the Task Environment. Designed to protect the Core Technology. Collaborating to achieve a common goal. Function vs. Individuals Focus on purpose of the Clery Act as a consumer protection law. Focus on Function/Role vs. Personalities. Overall awareness of: The purpose of YOUR institution. Why does it exist? How the institution operates.

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### Clery Committee - Model Public Safety/Police Compliance/Internal Audit Student Conduct Environmental Health and Safety VP of Student Affairs/Dean Residence Life/Housing of Students Provost/Academic Affairs Title IX Admissions Risk Management/Fire Safety Legal Affairs Student Activities/Greek Study Abroad Real Estate Office Life Human Resources Dir. Student Health Athletics



# Clery Committee at Madonna University



- Public Safety
- Student Conduct
- VP of Student Affairs/Dean of Students
- Residence Life
- Academic Affairs/Study Abroad
- Registrar's Office
- Student Life
- Career ServicesCorporate

Compliance/Title IX

- Athletics
- Facilities

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# Purpose of a Clery Committee



- Gather Information
- Education and Training
- Coordinate Resources
- Assess for Compliance Gaps within the Institution
- Build Administrative Capacity



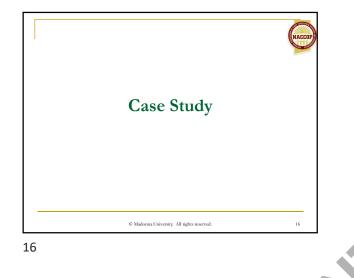
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# Application & Take-Aways

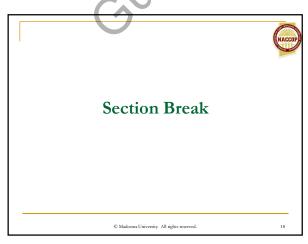


- Important to Cultivate Key Relationships
- Understand Your Institution/Organization
- Continually Train & Educate Your Clery Committee
- Essential Elements for:
  - Problem-Solving
  - Decision-Making
- Function vs. Individuals
  - Buy-in from the "right" people (informal influence)
  - Institutional Champions (formal influence)

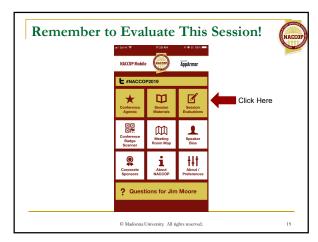












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