

UPSOC Attending:

Marcy Hunt- Co-chair
Thomas Lockett
Lisa Hawash
Jay Auslander
Andres Guzman
Shirley Jackson
Luis Baldera-Villagrana
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Dana Walton-Macaulay
Jill Townley
Anastasia Hale

UPSOC Absent:

Michael Alexander- Co-chair
Clint Culpepper
Keith Kaufman
Constantin Severe

UPSOC Staff:

Cathy Kirchner
Mark Wubbold

Guests:

President Shoureshi
Cindy Starke
Donnell Tanksley

Campus Public Safety Committee (UPSOC) – October 19, 2018

Convened: 1:05 pm

Topic: Welcome and introduction of guests

Topic: Review of meeting notes

Discussion: UPSOC members reviewed and approved the September 21, 2018 meeting notes as written.

Action: Staff will post the meeting notes to the UPSOC website.

Topic: President Shoureshi’s welcome and remarks

Discussion: President Shoureshi offered his thanks to UPSOC members for their service. Then he shared his vision for the committee and its oversight role. He defined oversight as being in accordance with the academic needs of the institution. In his view, the responsibility of UPSOC members is to represent the diverse perspectives and concerns of the groups they represent. By doing this, each UPSOC member contributes to PSU’s safety and security needs. According to President Shoureshi, this approach differentiates campus policing from community policing as practiced by the Portland Police Bureau.

When asked about UPSOC’s specific responsibilities during the Margolis Healy and OIR investigations, the President asked committee members to make sure the groups they represented were involved in the process.

When Margolis Healy presents draft recommendations, UPSOC will review, assess, and respond to them, helping to clarify and improve the recommendations if they can. Some of these recommendations will pertain to UPSOC itself.

Beyond the scope of the investigations, the President would like UPSOC to provide ongoing oversight on such subjects as safety in academic environments, as well as dorms and other campus areas, and support first amendment rights so all perspectives are welcome on campus.

Topic: Chief Tanksley's CPSO update

Discussion: One of the two officers involved in the shooting has left PSU for another position. The other officer is still with PSU, but is limited to desk duty. Recruitment for the replacement officer has begun.

Chief Tanksley is preparing the first Board report of the academic year. A draft report will be ready for review in mid-Nov.

In keeping with UPSOC's educational charge, the Chief made his annual invitation for members to participate in ride alongs, walk alongs, to visit their office....etc. A group of new committee members will visit CPSO offices the middle of November.

Topic: Margolis Healy and OIR Review and Investigation updates

Discussion: President Shoureshi and General Counsel Cindy Starke took the following questions from UPSOC members on the two investigations.

Q. The October 4 Board meeting was disrupted by protesters. What can be done to help assure the public forums are not similarly disrupted? How can we create an environment where people are free to speak, and are listened to?

A. Except for the public forums, the rest of the forums are by invitation only. This should help with civility.

A. The President would like to hear from any UPSOC member who has ideas for how to make the forums more civil.

Q. Will there be limitations on media access at the forums? Media attention at forums seems to exacerbate incivility.

A. UCOMM will be providing guidelines for how the media can participate.

Q. Are the forums all structured the same?

A. They are set up "Quaker style" with seating in the round. The smaller meetings are set up like group interviews.

Q. Can faculty bring their classes to the forums?

A. There is concern that if this happens, the forums could have a chilling effect on class discourse.

A. While UPSOC members did not feel classes should attend, they encouraged faculty to be understanding of students who chose to attend a forum in lieu of a class.

Q. Will counseling services be available for students attending the forums and participating in these difficult conversations.

A. Yes, they will.

Q. How will the forums be framed so they are most productive? What will the process be for running them?

A. General Counsel is responsible for coordinating the forum process with Margolis Healy. However, the President would like to see intermediate meetings during the course of the forums between UPSOC and Margolis. This would enable UPSOC to provide feedback to Margolis that could help them refine the public forums as they go along.

Action: UPSOC members to participate in phone conversation with Margolis Healy prior to their coming to campus.

Action: Staff to provide key questions from UPSOC meeting notes for the phone meeting with Margolis Healy.

Action: General Counsel to provide weekly updates on how the process is going with Margolis Healy.

Topic: Other business

Discussion: The meeting concluded with additional questions UPSOC members would like shared with Margolis Healy.

1. UPSOC was expecting to see a second scope of work from Margolis Healy, will that happen before they come on campus?
2. Does Margolis Healy have much expertise working with businesses that are embedded in urban campuses?

Action: Margolis Healy and UPSOC to have a face-to-face meeting on 11/6 at 3pm.

Adjourned: 3:05 pm