



CPSC Attending:

CPSC Absent:

CPSC Staff:

Marcy Hunt- Co-chair
Carmen Suarez- Co-chair
Betty Brickson
Meggie Kirchner
Clint Culpepper
Keith Kaufman

Cody Graham
Shirley Jackson
Luis Baldera-
Villagrana
Dana Walton-
Macaulay

Willie Halliburton
Heather Randol
Robert Winthrop

Cathy Kirchner
Mark Wubbold

Guests:

Interim Chief Vince Elmore
VP FADM Kevin Reynolds

Campus Public Safety Committee (CPSC) – November 17, 2017

Convened: 1:05 pm

Topic: Welcome and Committee announcements.

Topic: Review of meeting notes. The CPSC approved the 10/20 meeting notes without changes.

Action: Staff to post notes to the Committee’s website.

Topic: The Chief’s report

Discussion: Interim Chief Elmore began his report with the two homicides that occurred recently on/near the campus. Constrained because both investigations are ongoing, the Chief was only able to share limited information with the Committee. Restrictions on what he could share were the subject of much discussion. Generally, Committee members wanted to know what could be done to balance the campus community’s desire for more information and the integrity of the investigations -- with the privacy and care of students who may be involved in these investigations.

In particular, the Committee is interested in improving communications when high impact incidents (e.g. homicides, shootings...etc.) occur on/near campus. Several suggestions were made to address this issue; such as:

- CPSC could issue updates on high impact incidents. These could be as simple as a one-sentence affirmation on their website that “an investigation is ongoing and there is no current threat.”

- After an arrest has been made, CPSO could issue a statement to that affect, including greater detail on the outcome of the investigation.
- There was also interest in developing some type of “opt-in notification” system for those interested in tracking progress on open investigations.
- Alternatively, it was suggested the university’s “student care unit” could issue periodic educational updates addressing the emotional needs and concerns of students, with reference to high impact campus incidents.

Note: More and more students are coming to CPSO looking for information (especially during and after high impact incidents). However, as mentioned previously, due to the confidential nature of their work, often times CPSO is not able to give them the information they seek. Nevertheless, the fact that students feel more comfortable interacting with our police department is noteworthy.

Action: As part of CPSC’s continuous education program, Interim Chief Elmore will invite a member of the Portland Police Department to attend a CPSC meeting and explain the process they follow in homicide investigations.

Action: CPSC will take the lead in hosting some type of educational outreach effort for campus communications, taking care to collect relevant participant data that can be used to inform CPSC efforts going forward.

Topic: The Annual Board Report

Discussion: Interim Chief Elmore presented the draft CPSO Board report. CPSC members reviewed the report and had some questions on its elements; especially regarding data. Several suggestions were made to augment the report, especially in areas where CPSO has excelled this year (e.g. its internship program).

Action: Committee members will read the report and respond with any comments before the December CPSC meeting.

Action: Staff will produce a draft CPSC version of the Board report for the Co-chairs that may be appended to CPSO’s report.

Topic: Access Control Policy

Discussion: The current draft of the Access Control Policy was reviewed and the notes and comments submitted by the Committee were discussed with the writing work group.

Action: The writing work group will convene to reconcile these notes and comments and prepare a new draft of the policy for the Committee before the December meeting.

Topic: Continuing Education

Discussion: Continuing Education is a CPSC norm. Some of the topics the Committee is interested in learning more about this academic year include: homelessness on and near campus (especially as it impacts our students); CPSO Dispatch; the student experience as it regards campus safety....etc.

Action: CPSC Co-chairs to develop a continuing education plan for the 2017-18 academic year.

Adjourned: 3:05 pm