

CPSC Attending:

Betty Brickson
Clint Culpepper
Amy Donaldson
Cody Graham
Willie Halliburton

Alex Herrera
Leia Hertel
Marcy Hunt- Co-chair
Keith Kaufman

Heather Randol
Carmen Suarez- Co-chair
Robert Winthrop

CPSC Staff:

Cathy Kirchner
Mark Wubbold

Guests:

Kevin Reynolds
Phil Zerzan
Vince Elmore
James Dewey

CPSC Absent:

Nicole Morris

Campus Public Safety Committee (CPSC) - November 18, 2016

Convened: 1:05 pm

Topic: Welcome and Introductions

Topic: Review of meeting notes from 6/3 meeting.

Action: The meeting notes were approved without revision and are ready for posting to the website.

Topic: Introduction of new committee members and the CPSC's 2016-2017 Charge

Background: Fall term there was a change in the committee's leadership and two new Co-Chairs (Marcy Hunt and Carmen Suarez) now share the Chair's position held by Steve Percy last year. Two student members graduated in June and a call for new student members went out to the student body at the start of fall term with two new students being selected to CPSC (Alex Herrera and Cody Graham). The CPSC began their work by accepting this year's charge from Kevin Reynolds, VP FADM.

Discussion: In addition to the original charge, The VP FADM has asked the CPSC to research the pros and cons of door locks on classroom doors.

Action: The full charge for 2016-2017 will be posted to the CPSC website and CPSC will develop an approach for researching best practices regarding door locks.

Topic: Report to Board

Discussion: The Board's Resolution forming the CPSC calls for a bi-annual report on the Committee's activities. The first report is due to the Board in December and will be appended to the 2016 Campus Public Safety Report.

CPSC members were provided the 2016 Campus Public Safety Report at the meeting and made some initial comments upon first review. They asked Chief Zerzan to consider

adding a couple of additional reporting categories to the CPSO report. They would like to see crimes reported by type as well as the number of crimes committed by type. Chief Zerzan agreed this would be useful information to include in the report (this is not reported in the Clery Crime Statistics). He has agreed to this addition to reporting.

Action: Co-chairs will prepare a brief report for the Board. Chief Zerzan will initiate the process for crimes-by-type data collection. Staff will send CPSC members the link to the Clery data.

Topic: Chief Zerzan's report

Discussion: Chief Zerzan summarized the major developments in CPSO since the June meeting. These included:

- The addition of Lieutenant Elmore and Officer Jackson to CPSO.
- Recognition of CPSO's use of body cams with a national grant from the DOJ. These funds (one of only two national grants) will be used to make PSU a pilot site for regional police forces contemplating their own use of body cams.
- The expansion of EMT services on campus by CPSO officers trained and equipped for such duties. Soon, PSU police will begin wearing external vest carriers with EMT supplies. CPSO is typically a first responder, and having the ability to administer first aid in some cases can save a life - as Officer Dewey did recently with a PSU student.

While CPSC members acknowledged the need for additional EMT services on campus, they had some questions about how the campus community might respond to the militaristic look of the EMT supply vests, and how the vests -- and the additional gear they were designed to carry -- might affect officer comfort and performance. Those officers who have worn the vest report that they are both well received by the service community, and their ergonomic design actually helps alleviate lower back strain amongst officers.

Chief Zerzan then moved on to arrest data for the period Jan. 1-Oct. 15 as well as post-election bias incidents which have been significant. He also shared CPSO's ongoing training matrix and his plans for additional hiring to meet the Board's security and safety staffing goals.

Topic: CSPO training

Discussion: Global Diversity and Inclusion (GDI) continues to provide specialized trainings (Cultural Responsiveness and Diversity Trainings) called for in last year's Oversight Committee Report. GDI also reports that a bias response and prevention team is being formed that will be a collaboration between GDI, EMSA, CPSO, SHAC and other departments.

Topic: Community Policing

Discussion: There has been increased recognition of the homeless camps on/or near campus. CPSC members had questions about whether PSU has a liaison to these communities and the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) and the responsiveness of ODOT since in many cases, ODOT have jurisdiction where the camps are located.

Topic: Post election concerns

Discussion: As mentioned previously, there has been quite a bit of concern on campus over the safety of our international students, students of color, DACA students, and others who may feel targeted as a result of the recent election. One response to these concerns is the recent proclamation of PSU's status as a sanctuary campus. Chief Zerzan shared that CPSO policy has been and will continue to be one of providing no assistance to ICE and Homeland Security.

There was discussion about what students can do to support other students—such as creating a student escort service—to make the campus safer. Chief Zerzan expressed support for a student escort service, but cautioned against starting something new that is not adequately staffed. He reminded the CPSC that CPSO already provides to the campus community a student escort service and buddy training services. Another concern raised by CPSC was in providing more safe places and support services like escorts, we need to be sensitive to those in our community who might not see official service providers (CPSO, sanctioned student escorts) as allies. Questions about CPSO's bifurcated team and their roles and responsibilities also were discussed.

Action: Chief Zerzan to prepare an overview of the different duties of CPSO Police Officers and Public Safety Officers for new and returning CPSC members.

Topic: Chair's closing remarks

Discussion: As we prepare for the year ahead, please think about what other information, trainings, discussion topics CPSC members would like to have on the agenda. Members were reminded that CPSC meetings will be held once a month for one and a half hours. Teleconferencing will be made available for subsequent meetings.

Adjourned: 2:35 pm