

CPSC Attending:

Marcy Hunt- Co-chair Shirley  
 Betty Brickson Jackson  
 Meggie Kirchner Luis Baldera-  
 Clint Culpepper Villagrana  
 Keith Kaufman  
 Dana Walton-  
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CPSC Absent:

Carmen Suarez- Co-chair  
 Robert Winthrop  
 Willie Halliburton  
 Cody Graham

CPSC Staff:

Cathy Kirchner  
 Mark Wubbold

Guests:  
 Lieutenant Vince  
 Elmore

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**Campus Public Safety Committee (CPSC) – February 16, 2018**

**Convened:** 1:05 pm

**Topic:** Welcome and review of meeting notes.

**Discussion:** CPSC approved the 1/19/18 meeting notes without changes.

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

**Topic:** CPSO Chief’s Report (Lieutenant Vince Elmore for Chief Donnell Tanksley)

**Discussion:** CPSO has adopted the “person-in-charge” notification process. When invoked, this process allows CPSO officers to enter ODOT properties to notify campers of an imminent action. Invoking this notification reduces the time ODOT has to clean up a camp from 28, to 10 days. This notification process is an important new tool to help CPSO keep our campus safe. Homeless camps abutting Parking Structure 3 and the University Place Hotel are areas where CPSO is most likely to use “person-in charge” notifications.

**Discussion:** Student security continues to be an issue at University Pointe apartment building. University Pointe is owned and operated by American Campus Community-on a ground lease from PSU. This arrangement creates jurisdictional challenges for CPSO and makes it difficult to secure the building. This is a concern for CPSO, since many University Pointe tenants are PSU students. Communication and coordination of response at University Pointe has improved since implementing a more comprehensive communication chain between PSU and University Pointe management.

**Discussion:** University Place (PSU's hotel) has had similar security challenges. As an experiment, CPSO put an officer on the premises full-time to determine whether this would reduce the number of break-ins, etc. and it did. For now, the officer has returned to campus, but CPSO will revisit the idea of maintaining a consistent patrol presence at the Hotel during the summer.

**Discussion:** Chief Tanksley wants his officers to start bike patrols. Right now, it is up to individual officers whether they patrol by bike. Chief would make it mandatory for a certain number of officers. The PSU Bike Hub will collaborate with CPSO to provide and maintain the necessary equipment.

**Discussion:** The Viking Pavilion has some safety issues that are becoming more apparent as the build continues, particularly around access control and egress. CPSO feels it should be involved earlier in the design process for new buildings so these issues can be dealt with on the front end when they are easier and more affordable to address.

**Action:** CPSC will consider whether to recommend that CPSO be involved earlier in the design process in their next Board Report.

**Discussion:** CPSO is hiring new officers and the Chief explained the process to CPSC members. Members were surprised by the amount of time it takes (and how much it costs) before a fully trained sworn officer is able to cover shifts independently. There is a significant cost differential for hiring new recruits versus already sworn officers. CPSC members expressed interest in learning more about how much this differential actually is. Is the differential enough to offset the savings of hiring sworn officers? If so, does it make sense to offer sworn candidates a higher salary, since they can begin all job responsibilities in a more timely way?

**Action:** CPSC to consider whether this issues deserves further study. The research question being: Is the cost-to-hire differential between non and sworn officers significant enough to warrant paying more to recruit already sworn officers?

**Discussion:** In the past, CPSC has sent CPSO any action items after each CPSC meeting so they have time to respond to these items before the next meeting.

**Action:** CPSC staff to set up a Google doc for CPSO so they can track any Action items that need to be addressed before the next meeting.

**Topic:** CPSC Communications and Public Discussions of Campus Safety

**Discussion:** Campus safety communications in general are still an issue, as is how the CPSC communicates *with* the campus community. When the CPSC wants to

get a message out to the campus community, how should they do this? How does the CPSC take the pulse of the community? Should educational information about the CPSC be going out through CPSO, or through an expanded and improved CPSC website? In discussing safety with the campus community, how should CPSC communicate – in person forums, email, social media, some other way?

**Board Charge on CPSC communications:** *The committee is charged with developing a format for ongoing discussion about safety on the PSU campus that provide important updates and training, opportunities to hear concerns about safety, and suggestions for safety improvements. Possibilities could include a safety week with numerous presentations and discussions, or a focus on specific safety aspects throughout the year.*

**Discussion:** With the university's recent climate survey, data collection has begun on student perceptions of campus safety. However, there are only a few campus safety questions on the survey, and they may be of limited use. CPSC members asked if there was some automated method (survey questions embedded in routine transactions, such as when employees sign in to Banweb) through which CPSC could gather information about what students are thinking and feeling about their safety.

**Action:** Staff to audit peer CPSC-like advisory groups to determine how they effectively communicate with their campuses.

**Action:** Next month the CPSC trains on the Dispatch process.

**Adjourned:** 2:15pm