

**CPSC Attending:**

Cody Graham  
Clint Culpepper  
Alex Herrera  
Keith Kaufman  
Dana Walton-  
Macaulay

Betty Brickson  
Willie Halliburton  
Heather Randol  
Meggie Kirchner  
Carmen Suarez-  
Co-chair

**CPSC Absent:**

Marcy Hunt- Co-  
chair  
Amy Donaldson  
Robert Winthrop

**CPSC Staff:**

Mark Wubbold

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**Campus Public Safety Committee (CPSC) - April 21, 2017**

**Convened:** 1:05 pm

**Topic:** Welcome and announcements.

**Announcements:**

- Dana Walton-Macaulay (Assistant Dean of Student Life & Director of Conduct) has joined the CPSC, increasing membership to 13.
- Information on the new Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue program being co-produced by OHSU and PSU was shared.
- May is the annual Bike Challenge month. This year PSU riders will be competing with cyclists from across the state.

**Topic:** Review of meeting notes from 3/23/17 meeting

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

**Topic:** Access Control Policy

**Discussion:** CPSC continues to discuss the possibility of being the responsible party for drafting a Building Access Policy and submitting it to the University Policy Committee. This effort would complete work begun in 2011. Discussion addressed what might be included in such a policy, merging building hours with building access. Lehigh University has a policy that addresses most of PSU's concerns and may be a suitable model for a new policy. Should the CPSC decide to move ahead with this project, a small writing team could produce a draft policy over the summer for consideration by stakeholder groups and the full CPSC in the fall.

One issue not addressed in Lehigh's policy is security breaches caused by "piggybacking" or "tailgating" -- when un-authorized persons enter access controlled buildings by following someone swiping themselves into a building. This is a serious problem at PSU and one the CPSC would like to address when/if they decide to draft a the new policy.

**Action:** Staff to research "piggybacking" and "tailgating" and provide briefing materials on this topic for the next CPSC meeting.

A co-chair will invite David Reese, chair of the University Policy Committee to the next CPSO committee so that he can share the policy submission process.

**Discussion:** Reducing theft and addressing "livability" issues are the primary reasons CPSO feels PSU buildings should be better secured. Opportunistic thefts are common in our publicly accessible buildings. Livability complaints are common in areas where members of the general public shelter during the day and night: i.e. Lincoln Hall, the Smith Student Union, and the Library. Other areas of concern are parking garages. If the Committee decides to draft a new building access policy, members would like to address theft and livability concerns in these spaces.

**Action:** Staff to follow up with CPSC member Kaufman, whose current research includes parking garage threats data.

**Discussion:** Increased homelessness is becoming a safety issue for the campus community. Anecdotal evidence from Committee members suggests that social and sanitation issues with camps on our borders are beginning to spill onto campus, affecting our students, faculty and staff.

In discussing this issue, Committee members were cautioned not to over-identify the problem and to keep in mind the tenets of our equity and social justice lenses. The challenge is: how do we walk the tightrope of keeping our campus clean and safe, while also making it a welcoming environment for *all* of our campus community, and other neighbors. CPSC members wish to see PSU continue working with the city and state in the struggle to address the homelessness issue. PSU has neither the jurisdiction, nor the resources, to solve this problem by itself.

This triggered a discussion of other safety and security considerations that would be within the Committee's purview. Many of these are outlined in the *Presidential Task Force on Campus Safety: Final Report, Improving Campus Safety at Portland State University* (November 1, 2013)

**Action:** Staff to get the recommendations from the Task Force's Final Report for the CPSC.

**Topic:** CPSO update

Since the last CPSO update, two more CPSO officers have graduated from the academy and begun FTEP (Field Training Experience Program). CPSO's current composition:

- 9 Sworn Policy Officers
- 1 Officer in training at the academy
- 1 Officer Vacancy
- 5 Campus Public Safety Officers

Regarding CPSO officers training, CPSC members had the following questions:

**Q:** When do the officers who have completed academy training receive the supplemental training called for by the Board?

**A:** New officers get this training within their first two years in CPSO.

**Q:** Once PSU has 24 hour sworn officer coverage in July, are we likely to see a change in the general population's perception that the campus is more secure? In other words, will this change in coverage make CPSO a better deterrent to campus crime?

**A.** That is the goal.

**CPSO Internships:** The Committee was updated on the status of the CPSO Internship program. This program is a collaboration between CPSO and the Department of Criminal Justice. So far nine students have completed the program which matches students with a CPSO officer who they shadow to court, community meetings, ride alongs...etc. Students can earn between 8 and 12 credits for completing the program.

CPSC members had ideas for expanding the program by collaborating with other academic units. This internship program also has the potential to be converted into a Capstone. As popular as it is, the only limitation to its expansion is the necessity for a one-to-one match with an officer.

**Body worn cameras:** PSU is a national leader in the use of body cameras. So far, CPSO is the only police force in Multnomah County using body worn cameras on a daily basis. Both the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the Portland Police Department are tracking how CPSO utilizes the cameras. In effect, CPSO's

program has become a pilot for these two organizations. This is consistent with CPSO's aspirations to be a "model for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing."

**Campus Crime and Timely Alerts:** Vehicle and Bike thefts are on the rise. Recent thefts from three secure bike garages were cleared by arrest. Non-allocated patrol time was used by officers to find the stolen bikes and make the arrest. CPSO has a new Twitter account it is using to send out timely warning notices to campus. So far the experiment has been very successful. CPSO will continue to work with University Communications to increase the number of PSU students, faculty, staff, and community members following this account in order to extend its reach.

**Other Business:** A committee member noticed the CPSO website does not link to the CPSC website.

**Action:** CPSO will link to the CPSC website.

**Adjourned:** 2:20 pm