

CPSC Attending:

Betty Brickson
Amy Donaldson (TC)
Robert Winthrop (TC)
Kris Henning
Michelle Holiday
Marcy Hunt

Keith Kaufman
Heather Randol
Marcus Sis

CPSC Absent:

Clint Culpepper
Willie Halliburton
Leia Hertel
Sheena Ino
Nicole Morris
Stephen Percy
Carmen Suarez
Sunny Hatch

CPSC Staff:

Mark Wubbold

Guests:
Phil Zerzan
Kevin Reynolds

Campus Public Safety Committee (CPSC) - April 29, 2016**Convened:** 2:05 pm**Topic:** Welcome and Introductions – Kris Henning chaired in Steve Percy’s absence**Topic:** Review of meeting notes from 4/15 meeting.**Action:** Approved without revision. Meeting notes are now ready to post to website.**Topic:** Committee Learning: Description of CPSO campus outreach (Chief Zerzan)**Discussion:** Chief Zerzan shared CPSO’s outreach data sheet for the period 1/12/16 to 4/28/16. During this period, CPSO made 28 invited relationship building presentations to faculty and staff on topics ranging from Active Shooter Trainings to departmental Safety Audits.

Presentations to student groups are less frequent. CPSC members discussed different strategies for increasing communications with students. One recurring idea is to survey students in the fall, to get a better sense of how they perceive CPSO *now*, as well as to determine the best way to communicate about campus safety issues with them *in the future*.

Topic: Closed Circuit TV security cameras (CCTV)**Discussion:** Closed circuit TV cameras can now be found in some colleges and common areas on campus. Proponents for installing more cameras believe: their presence is a deterrent to crime; they can actually anticipate crime (through the application of special algorithms that track motion and turn on the camera in CPSO headquarters when suspicious behavior is observed); and they can help solve crimes by recording the visual identity of suspects.

Kevin Reynolds, VP FADM engaged the CPSC in a conversation about the feasibility and desirability of expanding PSU’s CCTV system. Considerations such as cost, maintenance,

location, community perceptions and their utility in crime *prevention* -- versus *solving committed crimes* -- were topics the committee discussed.

Issues the CPSC raised included:

- The value of determining the security needs of individual departments in order to help focus the CCTV debate.
- Whether adding more cameras is more cost effective -- and generally more effective -- than distributing more student security staff throughout the campus.
- Whether PSU should invest in new cameras and limit their location to the entrances and exits of campus facilities. This approach would enable CPSO to have a visual record of a suspect as they entered and exited a facility, which would aid in solving crimes.
- Concerns about the campus' perception of CCTV cameras. For example, are they considered invasive and a manifestation (with sworn and armed police) of the militarization of campus? Or are they seen as a crime deterrent and a source of greater comfort and security? Or are there other perspectives that need to be taken into consideration regarding this issue?
- Should PSU do a controlled experiment, comparing crime rates in facilities with CCTV cameras, versus those without? Such a study could inform the debate about whether or not to invest in additional cameras.
- If PSU were to invest in additional cameras, VP Reynolds would want CPSC to help FADM develop policies for their distribution and use.

Action: Chief Zerzan will provide the CPSC with a map showing the current location of CCTV cameras on campus, as well as a map that shows a frequency distribution of campus crimes. The CPSC will review these materials as it continues to consider its position on CCTV cameras on campus.

Adjourned to CPSO for facilities tour and staff discussion: 3:15 pm