

UPSOC Attending:

Marcy Hunt, Co-chair
Michael Alexander
Clint Culpepper
Thomas Lockett
Jay Auslander
Shirley Jackson
Dana Walton-Macaulay
Jill Townley
Luis Balderas-Villagrana
Andres Guzman

UPSOC Absent:

Keith Kaufman
Constantin Severe
Anastasia Amsden
Willie Halliburton
Julie Caron, Co-chair

UPSOC Staff:

Mark Wubbold

UPSOC Guests:
Kevin Reynolds
Joe Schilling

University Public Safety Oversight Committee (UPSOC) – June 7, 2019

Convened: 1:01 pm

Topic: Welcome and review of meeting notes

Discussion: UPSOC members approved the May 17, 2019 meeting notes as amended.

Action: Staff will post the meeting notes to the UPSOC website.

Topic: Co-chairs remarks

Discussion: With Michael Alexander’s resignation, Julie Caron, the interim VP for Global Diversity and Inclusion will assume the co-chair position on UPSOC. Alexander has agreed to continue his UPSOC service as a community member.

Topic: Margolis Healy (MH) report

Discussion: UPSOC discussed and edited its memo to the Board regarding the Margolis Healy report. Of particular interest to committee members was how much financial support they should ask for from the Board in order to do their work properly. Members also wanted to clarify how much more time they would have to devote to UPSOC work if they continued to serve on the committee or any of its subcommittees.

One UPSOC member brought up the point that if the university decides to disarm, the MH recommendations may not have the same applicability. If the university does not disarm, besides providing some as yet to be determined level of oversight, UPSOC will have an important role in determining the ideal ratio of unsworn to sworn officers.

Another UPSOC member reminded the committee that the “outside monitor” called for in the MH report is to be appointed. The question is who appoints and pays for their services?

A member also brought up the importance of researching other universities that have transitioned from minimal to full oversight (including review of use of force incidents). There is only one identified university to review: U. of Cincinnati. It was also suggested that UPSOC should review how OHSU is handling their oversight processes, since their approach has been so unique.

Topic: VP FADM, Kevin Reynolds on electronic access for Science Building 1

Discussion: Science Building 1 has only one class and is now almost all labs. FADM wants to move this building to full Electronic Access Control after hours. Since this will also require a change of access hours, FADM facilities team is working with the Dean Team in CLAS, however per the newly adopted Electronic Access Control Policy they need UPSOC's feedback before making a change.

Action: VP Reynolds to provide UPSOC co-chairs with Communication Plan, Clarification on Hours of Operation, and Timeline to changing building access.

Topic: Chief's Report

Discussion: Joe Schilling is PSU's interim Chief of Police after the departure of Donnell Tanksley to take the Chief of Police position in Blaine, Washington.

Schilling began his report with an update on hiring. Two officer candidates have successfully completed their preliminary screenings and are ready to attend the academy. April/May of next year is the soonest the two new officers will be ready to take patrol shifts, assuming everything goes according to plan with training. We are limited to hiring two potential sworn officers at a time because of a lack of coaches for them to shadow. Once the first two are patrolling, another two will be hired.

According to the Chief: "CPSO faces significant challenges in meeting staffing needs to maintain adequate and safe 24/7 public safety coverage. Our efforts to resolve the concerns in FY 2020 will include hiring four police officers, three public safety officers, two police sergeants, and one tele communicator. In addition, we will consider creating a student patrol program to foster community inclusion and enhance safety and livability."

Chief Schilling described the costs associated with Kaylee's law. He also gave an estimate of cost for the infrastructure needed to respond to MH recommendations. According to the Chief: "CPSO will look at the numerous Margolis Healy SSPA recommendations as they are vetted through the University environment, implementing according to a prioritized list. We will be proactive in policy and procedures revisions to meet industry best practice, prioritized by recent events."

The Chief is exploring the possibility of hiring off duty PPB officers to take calls on the graveyard shift.

Topic: Membership

Discussion: UPSOC will be losing some members (as it does each year) to graduation, term limits and new jobs. Consequently, it needs to prepare to recruit new members in the fall.

Action: Staff to bring recruiting materials from last summer to the next UPSOC meeting.

Adjourned: 3:05 pm