

UPSOC Attending:

Michael Alexander
Thomas Lockett
Julie Caron – Co-Chair
Andres Guzman
Amy Ruff
Michael Walsh
Yolonda Salguiero – Co-Chair
Jay Auslander
Clint Culpepper
Jill Townley
Christopher Carey
Joshua Childs
Dana Walton-Macaulay
Francisco Saldivar
Eduardo Chavez - Solis
Zachary Mettler

UPSOC Absent:

Constantin Severe
Antonio Recillas

UPSOC Staff:

Teresa Niedermeyer
Mark Wubbold

Guest:

Willie Halliburton
Courtney Shiroma
Alisha Howard

University Public Safety Oversight Committee (UPSOC) – December 17, 2020

Convened: 3:05 pm (via Zoom)

Topic: Review of meeting notes

Discussion: The November 19, 2020 meeting notes were approved as written.

Topic: CPSO Chief’s Report

Outreach: The Campus Safety Townhall organized by ASPSU was well received. Chief Halliburton and Co-Chair Caron participated and were able to clarify the reasons for the time delay with enacting the patrolling without guns policy.

Personnel: Eleven candidates have applied to be in the first cohort of officers to patrol without guns. The candidate pool for these jobs was the most diverse ever for CPSO and included seven African American applicants. Chief Halliburton is very excited about his potential hire for the new Lieutenant for administration position. Although the hire still needs to be finalized, the candidate is well respected in the community and known to several UPSOC members. The Chief hopes to finalize this hire soon.

CPSO Business: Chief Halliburton wishes to return to the previous version of the CPSO uniform. This uniform carried all of the necessary patrol equipment and protected

officer without projecting a militaristic appearance to students. The goal of this change would be to make officers more approachable, without compromising their safety or accountability. Chief Halliburton asked for UPSOC's thoughts on this change; members were supportive. Chief Halliburton also announced that he would be patrolling with his officers. Though it is unusual for senior leaders to patrol, the Chief feels he should be patrolling, given the personnel shortages CPSO is currently experiencing. Also, he wants to demonstrate his commitment to the new CPSO ethos, by patrolling without a firearm.

Topic: Executive Director of University Housing & Residence Life Brief – Courtney Shiroma

Discussion: Due to the personnel shortages in CPSO, university housing is calling the Portland Police Bureau when emergencies requiring a police presence occur between 10pm and 5am. For almost all other issues, University Housing has pro-staff on call 24/7. Resident assistants are also well trained to manage issues that come up with student residents. Together, pro-staff and assistants are trained to handle the following:

- Fire alarms
- Medical needs (from band aids to certain types of emergencies)
- Suicidal Ideation (with CPSO support, and when necessary 911 and Project Response)
- Interpersonal Violence (IPV)

UPSOC Question: How does University Housing record incidents and what type of incident data can UPSOC get on these incidents?

Answer: Housing records incidents in its daily log. When appropriate, they also produce Information Only reports to ensure incident follow up. More complicated incidents require reports that go to CPSO and the PSU CARE team. Finally, incident reports that cover crimes are recorded in CPSO's annual CLERY statistics. CLERY statistics are readily available to UPSOC and the other type of reports can be made available to the committee, on request to University Housing.

UPSOC Question: What were University Housing's main public safety concerns this year?

Answer: With the de-densification of the campus has come more crime. Car break ins, interactions with "scary" individuals, and COVID specific enforcement of masking and social distancing are some of the safety issues University Housing is concerned with this year.

Topic: Sexual & Relationship Violence Response Coordinator's Brief – Alisha Howard

Discussion: This is an advocacy program for students experiencing sexual and relationship violence at PSU. UPSOC members were particularly interested in how the program responds to students experiencing IPV in PSU's residence halls.

When IPV occurs in a PSU residence, a call may be made to the Women's Resource Center (WRC is the home of the Sexual & Relationship Violence program). Typically, to protect their privacy, the student experiencing the violence makes the call. When there is obvious violence, University Housing pro-staff respond. They will knock on the door to assess student safety and offer confidential advocacy through the WRC. Then, it is up to the student to make that call. The response loop ends with a follow up report and incident notice in the daily duty log.

When the incident is dangerous enough to warrant a 911 or CPSO call, University Housing pro-staff will attend when CPSO or the Portland Police arrive. Each case is different, and it is the student's decision to bring charges. Some students do not want to involve the police. They have the option to address the issue through the office of the Dean of Students at their convenience.

UPSOC Question: Are interpreters available to students involved in an IPV situation that needs one?

Answer: Global Diversity and Inclusion can provide contracted interpreter services when needed.

UPSOC Question: Why aren't all IPV's reported to police?

Answer:

- Each case is unique.
- Some people do not want to talk to Police.
- International students may be concerned that involving Police will jeopardize their student status or create problems for them or their families in their home countries.
- Students may not want to involve Police because they fear their case would go on for quite some time before it is resolved.

UPSOC Question: What is the "Mandatory Arrest" law?

Answer: When the aggressor is not easily determined, both people involved are arrested.

UPSOC Question: What services does Alisha Howards group provide?

Answer:

- Safety planning with students.
- Stalking is a problem on college campuses. Digital stalking is the larger issue.
- Academic support measures under Title 9 to help student when they are in crisis.
- Help with drops and refunds.

- Help with emergency housing, short term to help with crisis.
- VOCA – Victims of Crime Act funding. This can be used to pay for moving vans/food/allowable expenses for students who need immediate help in a crisis.
- Dean of Student Services and Student financial services.
- Presentations to students.

Topic: CPSO Policies

Discussion: Policies are still under review. They will come to UPSOC after the new year. Two to three key policies will be reviewed by all UPSOC members, while the rest will be reviewed by UPSOC's Policy subcommittee.

Topic: Subcommittee Reports

Discussion: Two subcommittee's provided updates on their activities.

UPSOC's Hiring subcommittee report: This subcommittee will interview five applicants next week. They will be reviewing hiring questions before the interviews.

UPSOC's Training subcommittee report:

- They have reviewed the trainings. They are looking to see if they are evidenced based and lead to better outcomes.
- They are also looking for a better system for tracking and recording the trainings officers have completed.
- They would like to speak to officers to gauge their training needs and their thoughts about what trainings will help them most.

Topic: Other Business

Action: CPSO officer Saldivar will join the training committee.

Action: Co-chair Caron to follow up with RCSC committee to see they have adequate UPSOC representation as agreed upon.

Adjourned: 4:55 p.m.

