

UPSOC Attending:

Michael Alexander
Thomas Lockett
Julie Caron – Co-Chair
Andres Guzman
Amy Ruff
Michael Walsh
Yolonda Salguiero – Co-Chair
Clint Culpepper
Jill Townley
Christopher Carey
Joshua Childs
Zachary Mettler
Constantin Severe
Antonio Recillas

UPSOC Absent:

Jay Auslander
Dana Walton-Macaulay
Francisco Saldivar
Eduardo Chavez - Solis

UPSOC Staff:

Teresa Niedermeyer
Mark Wubbold
Guest:
CPSO Chief Halliburton
CPSO Lieutenant Modica

University Public Safety Oversight Committee (UPSOC) – January 21, 2021

Convened: 3:02 pm (via Zoom)

Topic: Review of meeting notes

Discussion: The December 17, 2020 meeting notes were approved as written.

Topic: Subcommittee reports

- **UPSOC’s hiring committee** interviewed five candidates for CPSO police positions during the winter break. All five have been advanced to the next step of the hiring process. At the next meeting of this subcommittee, members will be reviewing and possibly revising, the questions currently used during interviews.
- **The Training and Manuals** subcommittee added two new members and is still trying to review all CPSO’s training manuals. They have concerns about the language used in the manuals they have seen. They use the terminology of DPSST trainings. The subcommittee is interested in speaking with CPSO officers to gain a better understanding of their training needs and preferences.

Topic: Chief’s Report

Outreach: The Vanguard ran a positive article on the [ASPSU Town Hall on campus safety](#) at which Chief Halliburton, President Percy, General Counsel Cindy Starke, and Associate Vice President of Global Diversity and Inclusion Julie Caron discussed the reasons the decision to disarm has been delayed and took questions from an online audience.

Personnel: As previously mentioned, five new candidates have been advanced to the background check phase of the CPSO officer hiring process. Background checks may be completed as soon as the third week of February. One officer is completing their DPSST training and should be on campus in March.

Training: Officers are up to date on their firearms training, however with the retirement of training officer Schilling, CPSO will need to make arrangements to receive this training through a new provider.

Introduction of Lieutenant Modica: Kevin Modica, former Assistant Chief of the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) has joined CPSO on a six-month contract. Lieutenant Modica will be assisting Chief Halliburton as he restructures CPSO to be a sworn police force that patrols unarmed. The Lieutenant will concentrate on administrative duties including a review of the CPSO policy manual and possible legislative work needed to enable PSU's unique new approach to campus policing. Modica comes to PSU after a 31-year career with PPB. UPSOC members had the following questions for the Lieutenant:

Q. Can you please give us an update on the status of PSU's Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with PPB?

A. Developing the necessary MOUs with PPB is one of my highest priorities. These agreements can be complex and take time, but I am able to begin working on them now that the security concerns of the inauguration are behind us.

Q. When are ride-alongs likely to begin again? UPSOC members are encouraged to experience these but have been unable to do so due to the pandemic. Is there a plan to reinstate them when we return to campus?

A. Of course ride-alongs have been impossible during the pandemic. However, CPSO does plan to reinstate them when we can do so safely. In the meantime, there are other opportunities for UPSOC members to "put themselves in the shoes" of our officers. Two that come to mind: you can view body cam footage of officers patrolling. You could also sign up to attend a citizen's academy; I believe these are still operating.

Topic: UPSOC's Annual Report

Discussion: A draft of the Report is now available for review by UPSOC members. The Annual Report review subcommittee will be doing a close read of the report and finalizing it, before bringing it back to the full committee for final approval. UPSOC members have been asked to provide their edits by February 1. The final report is due to the President (and the Board) in February.

Topic: Other business

Discussion: The [Reimagining Campus Safety Committee](#) (RCSC) has begun meeting. Several UPSOC members serve on this committee and will keep UPSOC informed of any cross-cutting issues that emerge from these meetings.

Adjourned: 4:25 p.m.