

UPSOC Attending:

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

UPSOC Absent:

Mark Wubbold - Staff

UPSOC Staff:

Teresa Niedermeyer

Guests:

CPSO Chief Halliburton

University Public Safety Oversight Committee (UPSOC) – May 20, 2021

Convened: 3:02 pm (via Zoom)

Topic: Approval of April Meeting Minutes

Discussion: The meeting notes from the April meeting were approved as written.

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

Topic: Chief Halliburton’s CPSO Report

- **Personnel:** CPSO is making a lateral hire of a new sworn officer as well as a public safety officer. They still need to hire one dispatcher; a recruitment notice has gone out for that position. They are closing in on their hiring goals for the year and by the beginning of fall term they will have a full complement of eight officers on campus.
- **Policies:** The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) is reviewing CPSO policies in preparation for completing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that will elucidate the terms of their service agreement. Because Mayor Wheeler supports these policies, CPSO and PPB do not anticipate any issues with the City Council passing the IGA.

Topic: Reimagining Campus Safety Committee (RCSC) Presentation

Discussion: Zachary Mettler, UPSOC and RCSC committee member, updated UPSOC on the work of the RCSC and explained how it relates to CPSO. The RCSC has the following structure:

- A Steering committee – comprised of administrators, faculty, staff, students, community members, and CPSO members.
- The National Policy Consensus Center – which serve as facilitators and moderators
- Members who were not invited to join the main committee were invited to join a task group.

RCSC is currently working on the following tasks:

- Narrowing their charge to the key questions they want to answer and the problems they want to solve. The questions they settle on will provide the framework for their recommendations.
- Community engagement that involves all on campus entities, businesses on PSU property and businesses immediately adjacent to the campus.
- Discussion on the homeless population outside the student population.

Action: By the end of summer/beginning of fall, the RCSC will deliver a set of recommendations to the President.

Topic: UPSOC and the RCSC

Discussion: The co-chairs will be sharing UPSOC’s review of an incident report and explaining the recommendations that came from the review. UPSOC will also share broader themes that have been revealed by their recent policy review. Together, UPSOC and RCSC address all aspects of campus safety.

One aspect of campus safety that has halted because of the pandemic is CPSO’s Ride-a-long program. This program is important to the work of both committee as it provides members with an opportunity to observe CPSO officers in action. Hopefully, this program will return when the university is “face-to-face” in the fall.

Topic: UPSOC Membership

Discussion: Co chairs updated the committee on applications, the process for selecting new members and the subcommittee that will be reviewing these applications.

Jay Auslander and Zachary Mettler have agreed to continue as a community representative and graduate student representative respectively.

Topic: The Training & Training Manual Subcommittee Update

Discussion: Amy Ruff delivered the subcommittee's update, which covered the following:

- Homelessness, mental health, and a new public safety approach which would emphasize establishing closer relationships with academic and administrative units on campus.
- Chief Halliburton met with the committee to discuss the training needs for CPSO. There was also discussion of using campus resources to make a mental health professional available for campus safety incidents that were better addressed by pairing a CPSO officer with a mental health professional.
- Any contacts UPSOC has that would be willing to advocate for CPSO.
- CPSO would like UPSOC's help creating an online presence that introduces its officers to the campus community.
- UPSOC would like to be updated on officer swearing-in ceremonies.

Topic: Other business

- The co-chairs gave a hiring subcommittee update.
- The committee discussed whether to hold summer meetings.
- There was also discussion about the campus safety value of forming a Basic Needs Hub - working with HRAC and a couple other groups.

Adjourned: 4:58 p.m.