

**UPSOC Attending:**

Michael Alexander  
Thomas Lockett  
Julie Caron – Co-Chair  
Yolonda Salguiero – Co-Chair  
Zachary Mettler  
Constantin Severe  
Jill Townley  
Christopher Carey  
Dana Walton-Macaulay  
Amy Ruff  
Jay Auslander  
Michael J. Smith  
Don Mueller

**UPSOC Absent:**

Eduardo Chavez - Solis  
Michael Walsh  
Francisco Saldivar

**UPSOC Staff:**

Teresa Niedermeyer  
Mark Wubbold

**Guests:**

CPSO Chief Halliburton  
Physical Security Manager -  
Michael McNerney

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**University Public Safety Oversight Committee (UPSOC) – September 23, 2021**

**Convened:** 3:02 pm (via Zoom)

**Topic:** Welcome and Introductions

**Discussion:** Since this was the first meeting of the 2021-22 academic year, UPSOC members introduced themselves and welcomed new members Don Mueller and Michael J. Smith to the committee. Co-chair Julie Caron also announced she will be retiring at the end of the calendar year and that plans were underway to select her UPSOC replacement.

**Topic:** ASPSU representation on UPSOC

**Discussion:** The Co-chairs met with ASPSU leaders to discuss their participation in UPSOC. ASPSU proposed they have two UPSOC representatives: a primary and an alternate. The ASPSU representative attending would have one vote in UPSOC matters. UPSOC members expressed their support for this plan as it would help ensure consistent student participation on the committee. This idea was shared with the General Counsel who feels it is consistent with the aims of UPSOC’s charter. A motion to approve this idea was brought and passed unanimously by UPSOC members.

**Topic:** Pay for UPSOC's student members

**Discussion:** Article III, Section 3 of UPSOC's charter calls for student members to receive a stipend. Julie Caron consulted with the General Counsel and was informed that it is not possible to provide pay to students on UPSOC. Also, UPSOC's ASPSU representatives already receive a stipend

**Action:** Whether to strike the stipend requirement from the UPSOC Charter will be decided at the October meeting.

**Topic:** RCSC update

**Discussion:** UPSOC members Lockett, Mettler, and Ruff also serve on the Reimaging Campus Safety Committee (RCSC). In subcommittees and committees of the whole, the RCSC has been considering how oversight of CPSO should be done in the future. The RCSC will be making recommendations to that effect and have been including discussion of the continuing role of UPSOC in their deliberations. Under consideration is whether UPSOC should continue to provide the type/level of oversight expressed in their Charter, as well as whether UPSOC should have more/less authority? Should PSU have a citizen oversight beyond the current charges of UPSOC?

The citizen oversight boards of the [U.C. Berkeley](#) and [U.C. Davis](#) were mentioned as exemplars in the area of campus police oversight.

**Action:** UPSOC paused the oversight discussion to discuss the Access Control Policy with Michael McNerney and hear Chief Halliburton's update. Oversight and continued discussion of the RCSC deliberations will be added to UPSOC's October agenda.

**Topic:** Access Control Policy review

**Discussion:** Michael McNerney explained adjustments to the Access Control Policy put in place to respond to Covid-19. Since the UPSOC charter calls for committee input before changes to the policy are finalized, the committee heard and responded to McNerney's request for feedback and questions. Proposed changes to the policy involved putting all university controlled buildings on card access, with some exceptions: i.e. ASRC because it is public facing as well as the RMNC, FMH, Vanport, Karl Miller, Millar Library because they were centers of student activity and/or they housed programs used by the general public. During the discussion period committee members asked McNerney the following questions:

- Q.** Why does the policy call for the SMSU to close at 4pm? That seems quite early.
- A.** The SMSU will be open later on the days it hosts events.
- Q.** How will access to SMSU events be handled?
- A.** Through a check in process at the staffed Information Desk.
- Q:** How can we safeguard against profiling?
- A.** Information staff will be trained to recognize and guard against this type of bias.
- Q.** What about folks ghosting (following someone into a building without swiping in) into the building?
- A.** This is very difficult to guard against.
- Q.** Putting most buildings on card access requires students to all have their ID cards. Is ID card services making a special effort to make sure students have their cards?
- A.** Yes
- Q.** The Vanport building is co-owned by PCC, the City and PSU.....does PCC or the city have concierge service on the ground floor for PCC's dental program or the City's plan review offices on the 7th floor?
- A.** They do not.
- Q.** Are there quiet study spaces that students can access using their ID cards?
- A.** Yes. All of the buildings accessible to students via their ID cards have such spaces.
- Q.** Can SMSU hours be increased to at least 5pm?
- A.** We are seeking such feedback on hours of operation from UPSOC and encourage you to make this recommendation.

**Action:** UPSOC members made a motion to recommend that SMSU hours be extended to 5pm closing when no event is scheduled. On days when there is event programming, the SMSU will be accessible to event participants past 5pm through the concierge service at the information desk. No committee members voted in opposition....the motion carried.

**Topic:** Chief Halliburton's Update

**Discussion:** The Chief shared his monthly activity report, covering the following topics:

- Sept. 1st CPSO officers began patrolling unarmed. Since this change in policy, there has been one incident (discussed later) where officers have had to retrieve -- but not use -- their firearms. Generally, the transition to patrolling unarmed has gone smoothly.

- CPSO had a 1 day inservice training with the Multnomah County District Attorney's office. The training covered changes to the laws governing policing in Oregon. It was well received by CPSO officers.
- A new group portrait will soon be added to the homepage of <https://www.pdx.edu/campus-safety/>.
- The university's Intergovernmental Agreement with the Portland Police Department is now with PSU's General Counsel. The City Attorney will also be reviewing it prior to presentation to the City Council for final approval.
- Staffing hours: CPSO officers work two shifts: 6am-2 pm and 12 pm to 8 pm with roll call at noon.

**Topic:** Review of CPSO policy. UPSOC provided one recommendation

**Other business:** UPSOC was not able to complete the discussion of oversight and RCSC. This discussion will be added to the October meeting.

**Action:** The subcommittee sign-up sheet will be shared with members so they can sign up for at least two subcommittees each.

**Adjourned:** 4:58 p.m.