

UPSOC Attending:

Michael Alexander
Thomas Lockett
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Zachary Mettler
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Jill Townley
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Dana Walton-Macaulay
Amy Ruff
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UPSOC Absent:

Christopher Carey

UPSOC Staff:

Teresa Niedermeyer
Mark Wubbold

Guests:

Chief Halliburton - CPSO
Christie Culp - CPSO
Kevin Neely - Gov. Relations

University Public Safety Oversight Committee (UPSOC) – January 20, 2022

Convened: 3:02 pm (via Zoom)

Topic: Introductions and welcoming of new member Nya Mbock. Nya is the sitting ASPSU president and will be the undergraduate ASPSU representative to the committee.

Topic: Review of meeting notes

Discussion: Meeting notes were approved as written.

Action: Post meeting notes to website

Topic: Clery Report

Discussion: Christie Culp, whose Clery presentation was postponed last month, made her presentation. Culp has been CPSO’s records coordinator for the past two years. Clery data is tracked in 15 crime categories. The government requires universities to report this data annually if they receive federal support for scholarships. As the records coordinator, Culp also prepares fire safety reports.

Topic: Chief Halliburton’s Report

Discussion: Chief Halliburton’s report covered staffing, training and other issues.

In 2021, about 2/3 of CPSO personnel turned over because of the change in policy to patrolling unarmed. Recently, they have been able to hire officers who support this

mission, and the Chief proudly introduced one of his most recent hires, officer Jimenez, who comes to PSU from the Hubbard PD.

Staffing:

Sworn Officers

- Officer Saldivar is moving to a new position at another institution
- We now have six sworn officers
- The goal is to have 12 sworn officers.

Public Safety officers

- We have six officers
- Plan to have hired two more public safety officers in February

Training:

- The CPSO chief invited UPSOC members to create training scenarios on the MyLo trainer.

Other Issues:

- Because of the Omicron variant, dispatch has been short staffed. CPSO has a contingency plan with PPD for this type of situation.
- Cameras will be going into Parking Structures 1,3 and Blumell soon.
- The parking lot 3 PSU leases to the USGS experienced a coordinated attack in which all of the cars were broken into.
- The IGA with the PPD is going to the Portland City Council soon for final approval.

Q. What should the appropriate size of CPSO be for a PSU-sized campus?

- A. According to the Margolis Healey report, PSU should have a force of 32 officers to patrol 24 hour a day. We have 12 right now.

Topic: Discussion with Kevin Neely, Vice President of University Relations about collaborating with the city around safety and security concerns on campus.

Discussion: VP Neely serves on the City's Problem Solvers table where leaders prioritize issues with city-wide impacts and discuss potential solutions. In addition to Kevin, CPSO's Facilities Security Manager, Michael McNerney attends this table and participates in other similar efforts around the city. Neely shared that a cleanup of the 12th and Montgomery campsite is coming soon. However, the one abutting the NASCC has not been prioritized by the city.

Lately, the City has increased its capacity to make sweeps. UPSOC members are interested in learning more about solutions that allow campers to get the services they need without sweeping their camps. Neely expressed frustration that PSU is not getting the help it needs from the City to keep its campus safe. We have been following protocol for getting City assistance with limited results; he is now planning a more aggressive approach, including to "rattle the cages" of Counselors if necessary. UPSOC members had questions.

Q. Would it be appropriate and effective to have an UPSOC member attend the Problem Solvers table to talk about the security issues at the NASCC?

- A. Perhaps, but our best strategy for enlisting the City's help is to keep documenting

the safety issues as they occur so we have the necessary information to raise the visibility of the problem

Kevin Suggestion to UPSOC: Securing our campus requires a unique type of policing and specialized training on how to work with students.....could CPSO provide this type of training to our local PPD precinct?

Topic: Memo Discussion

Discussion: UPSOC wants to elevate the NASCC security and safety memo so it covers more issues than just NASCC. Safety and security is a cross-campus issue and other areas need the type of fixes explained in the Memo. UPSOC members had questions:

Q. What is the memo specifically asking for? Right now it is unclear.

A. Agreed, we need to make sure this is clear.

Q. Are we trying to do too much with one memo?

A. Perhaps we should write a second one that addresses the other areas of campus that need this type of upgrade.

Q. Is it appropriate for UPSOC to produce such a memo? Do the issues it covers fit within the UPSOC Charter?

A. The Charter allows for a broader interpretation of UPSOC oversight to include the issues covered in the Memo because UPSOC is not just a group that focuses on CPSO operations, they cover campus safety and security in a larger sense.

Other UPSOC Business: We need to determine who owns the property the camp next to NASCC sits on. This will determine who has the authority and responsibility to police it.

Action Item: Discuss clarifying the charter to allow for more holistic oversight of campus safety.

Action Item: Memo to be finalized and distributed by the co-chairs.

Adjourned: 5:05 p.m.