

UPSOC Attending:

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UPSOC Staff:

Teresa Niedermeyer
Mark Wubbold

Guests:

Chief Halliburton - CPSO

University Public Safety Oversight Committee (UPSOC) – May 19, 2022

Convened: 3:00 pm (via Zoom)

Topic: Review of meeting notes

Discussion: Meeting notes were approved as written.

Action: Post meeting notes to website

Topic: Summer meetings

Discussion: UPSOC’s last meeting of the 2021-22 academic year will be June 16. The Committee will not convene again until September.

Topic: Chief Halliburton’s update

Discussion: The Chief’s update covered hiring, the Reimagining Campus Safety Committee (RCSC) recommendations, and incident review:

Hiring - One new police officer will be hired next month. This female officer (the second on CPSO) currently works at Pacific University. CPSO will also be hiring another public safety officer and a dispatch supervisor. In addition, the Chief has increased the size of PSU’s contract with a private security firm to four officers. The private security primarily patrol the east side of campus. Incidents have declined since they were deployed to this area.

Q. When did the private security firm start patrolling that area?

- A. Early in May. CPSO has also stationed mobile security cameras in this area and they have helped decrease incidents as well. In one case the camera provided visual proof of a crime perpetrated on a faculty member, that CPSO was able to

solve.

RCSC Recommendations: Chief Halliburton initiated a discussion of the RCSC recommendations and asked for UPSOC's help during the implementation phase. In particular, he would like UPSOC to be more involved in deciding which supplemental officer trainings are most important to the campus community.

Q. Is it possible to get a list of the MYLO training scenarios currently available?

A. Yes

Action: UPSOC has requested extended time with the Chief next month to continue the RCSC recommendations discussion.

Action: Chief will share the list of MYLO training scenarios with UPSOC.

Incident Review: In May, a person ended their life by jumping off of Parking Structure 1. The person was not a member of the PSU community, so the Portland Police Bureau has opened a case and is doing an investigation. This is the second person to end their life in this way on our campus within recent memory. UPSOC members discussed steps that could be taken to mitigate such tragedies in the future. One idea is to post signs in areas of the campus where these tragedies have occurred in the past. One such sign is used by the county – "If you are contemplating suicide, please call 800-888-Talk or Lines for Life - the Multnomah Counties crisis line."

Action: Chief Halliburton will pursue the signage idea.

Q. Chief, what more can you share with UPSOC about this incident?

A. Since the call for response reported a weapon was involved, I took the call. This incident proves the need for an on-call team of police officers to respond when PPB cannot and there is a weapon involved. The Chief is developing an on-call team that can respond when there are no CPSO police officers on duty. The team will mobilize soon.

Q. We hear the City is considering housing a Street Response unit on the PSU campus in SHAC. Is this true?

A. This idea is under consideration. If it happens, although the Street Response unit would be housed in SHAC, it would serve the whole city.

Topic: UPSOC Recruiting

Discussion: UPSOC issued a call for new members through Currently and Virtual Viking. So far, the call has generated six applications from: one graduate student, three staffers, and two undergraduates. UPSOC members will be reviewing the applications and scoring them based on a long established rubric. Once the applications have been scored, the top ranked candidates will be interviewed by UPSOC's membership work group. The work group will bring a recommendation for new members and the full committee will vote on them at the June meeting. The goal of this recruiting cycle is to get UPSOC membership up to a full complement of between 13 and 19 members.

In addition to replacing UPSOC members who have graduated, taken new jobs, or for some other reason decided to end their service, two members hold standing seats for ASPSU and the Faculty Senate that typically turn over annually. It is the responsibility of the folks holding these seats to find their replacements. This process is underway.

Topic: RCSC Recommendations - continued

Discussion: After the membership recruitment discussion, UPSOC members returned to the topic of the RCSC recommendations and visited individual recommendations that were most likely to impact their work.

- RCSC recommendations 19/20 can be addressed by computer aided software for computer dispatch. However, to do so PSU would need to invest in a fully functioning CAD (computer aided dispatch) system that allows officers to input descriptive qualitative information when they submit an incident report.
- Recommendation 20 may also require climate surveying on perceptions of CPSO. To do this will require additional internal resources. Is there a climate survey for public safety issues?

Action: Determine what data (beyond Cleary) CPSO gathers now.

Action: Determine if CPSO officers can add qualitative information to the current CAD system. Right now, only significant incidents generate full reports with qualitative information.

- CPSO is looking into the qualitative CAD module, but it could cost as much as \$300K to add it to our current system.

Q. Is there a company that does climate surveys for campus public safety units?

A. Officer Jimenez answered that he was not aware of such a company.

Q. What triggers a critical incident report? Who decides what constitutes a critical incident and using what criteria?

A. Current practice is to declare a critical incident when someone has been seriously injured, up to a death.

- Recommendation 21 - This recommendation is situation dependent and it is not clear to UPSOC or CPSO how this could be implemented. The enhanced CAD system and MYLO training simulator could help with this.
- Recommendation 26 - This recommendation calls for UPSOC to assume the duties of a Citizen's Oversight Agency (COA), which requires a depth of legal knowledge that exceeds current UPSOC training.

Q. Is UPSOC advisory?

A. Right now it is.

RCSC Discussion Continued: COA's on campus - RCSC believes there are significant advantages to oversight of CPSO Police Officers by a group other than UPSOC. The purpose of the COA is to increase trust and reduce bias. However, expert opinion states that if the COA is weak you might as well not have one. See [UC Davis' Police Accountability Board](#) for an example of an effective university COA.

Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.