

UPSOC Attending:

Don Mueller
Becca Lawrence
Jill Townley
Jay Auslander
Michael J. Smith
Marcos Jimenez
Thomas Luckett

UPSOC Absent:

Zachary Mettler
Nya Mbock
Amy Ruff
Michael Alexander
Constantine Severe
Christopher Carey
Dana Walton-Macaulay

UPSOC Staff:

Teresa Niedermeyer
Mark Wubbold

Guests:

Chief Halliburton - CPSO

University Public Safety Oversight Committee (UPSOC) – June 16, 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: Chief Halliburton’s update

Discussion: The Chief updated UPSOC members on personnel, summer training, and weaponry.

- **Personnel** - CPSO has lost one sworn officer to Portland Police and has hired one officer (who still needs to complete DPSST training to be sworn) from Pacific University. This leaves CPSO with seven sworn officers to cover all shifts. Also, one public safety officer is leaving to pursue other opportunities. CPSO will start interviewing soon to hire their replacement. Once hired, the new officer will go through PSU’s special public safety officer training before being deployed. Officer Jimenez (UPSOC member and liaison to CPSO) has been promoted to sergeant.
- **Summer Training:** CPSO will be training with other public safety agencies during the summer. The Chief intends to have his officers do additional training using the MYLO incident simulator to improve their defensive tactics.
- **Weaponry:** The Chief is considering adding a long gun to the CPSO armory so they have the appropriate weapon to respond to active shooter situations. The last three multiple death shootings in the United State have all been done by

people wearing body armor. The 9mm handguns PSU officers have access to do not penetrate body armor, whereas the long gun can. If this idea happens, at least one officer per shift will be trained to operate the long gun. This idea is under consideration and the Chief came to UPSOC looking for feedback. No decision has been made at this time to pursue the idea. UPSOC members had the following questions about the long gun.

Q. What has changed that makes you feel PSU needs a long gun?

A. The increase in active shooter situations around the country and the availability of body armor.

Q. Is there concern that PPD would not respond quickly enough to an active shooter?

A. We have had to call the PPD for a situation recently that involved a weapon to which they were unable to respond due to heavy caseloads at the time. So, yes we are concerned they will not respond quickly enough to an active shooter; when every second counts.

Q. Handguns are currently stored in the trunk of PSU patrol cars during shifts and locked in the armory at the end of each shift. Where would the long gun be kept?

A. Locked in the station armory.

UPSOC members understood the need for a long gun and were generally supportive of the Chief continuing to explore the idea, with one caveat: they wish to see Campus Active Shooter training expanded, in tandem with any decision to add a long gun to the CPSO armory.

Topic: Card Access

Discussion: Michael McNerney, CPSO's Physical Security Manager, was to seek feedback from UPSOC on CPSO's desire to amend the Card Access protocol. He was unable to make the meeting and the Chief spoke in his absence. UPSOC members were asked whether Access Control should extend the number of days a student has access to PSU's general buildings past the current six days. UPSOC members supported the idea for students in good standing. They had reservations about extending access for students with student conduct violations. CPSO will take this feedback into consideration as they decide whether to extend access to students. On the topic of card access, an UPSOC member had the following question:

Q. When will the library be off of card access and open again to the general public?

A. August

Discussion Continued: Before the Chief concluded his presentation and left the meeting, an UPSOC member asked a follow up question on a topic from last month's meeting:

Q. What is happening with the idea of adding suicide watch information signage to areas where these have tragedies have occurred in the past?

A. The idea is tabled for now, but still under consideration.

Topic: UPSOC member recruitment campaign

Discussion: The application review work group presented their list of finalists for new memberships. During the recruitment cycle, there were six applicants, four of whom were interviewed, and three of which were recommended for membership. In an unanimous decision, Avneet Sidhu (Staff), Randy Mishler (Staff) and Jessica Navlet (Staff) were added to UPSOC. They will be notified by the co-chairs and begin their service in the Fall. Once they have been notified, their names will be added to the UPSOC roster and the revised roster will be posted to the UPSOC website. With the three new members, plus the ASPSU replacement for Nya Mbock and the Faculty Senate's replacement for Thomas Lockett, UPSOC will be at full strength in the Fall with 15 members. UPSOC's charter requires a committee of between 13 and 19 members.

Action: Once the Co-chairs have notified the three new members, staff will update and post the revised roster to the UPSOC website.

Adjourned: 4:30 p.m.