

UPSOC Attending:

Rebecca Lawrence
Jill Townley
Don Mueller
Miles Weatheroy
Michael Alexander
Michael J. Smith
Dana Walton-Macaulay
Vicki Reitenauer
Randy Mishler
Avneet Sidhu

UPSOC Absent:

Constantin Severe

UPSOC Staff:

Teresa Niedermeyer

Guests:

Chief Willie Halliburton - CPSO
Prof. Peter M.

University Public Safety Oversight Committee (UPSOC) – February 16, 2023

3:00pm-5:00pm

Convened: 3:00 pm (via Zoom)

Topic: Review of meeting notes

Discussion: January meeting notes were approved as written.

Topic: RCSC Subcommittee Update

Discussion: Vicki Reitenauer updated the committee. Recommendations from RCSC align with the work of UPSOC. Need to advocate for resources, whether monetary or structural in order to implement the recommendations. Vicki will be reaching out to Chief Halliburton to understand his perspective as well.

Q. Is there work that RCSC is working on that is a duplicate of UPSOC, do not want to duplicate work, but enhance each other's work.

- A. Implementation - RCSC has been trying to meet every other week. There are some broader recommendations such as how we can make the campus open to everyone, a feeling of belonging, figuring out what kind of conversations to have. Other areas include signage and the work on developing a budget.

Final Comments: UPSOC committee would like to have a copy of RCSC's recommendations, Vicki will provide that.

Topic: Faculty Complaint

Discussion: Professor Peter M. joined the meeting.

Professor M. had an encounter with a TA earlier in the summer and filed a complaint with CPSO about this incident. He felt this complaint was not handled professionally and is requesting specific action related to CPSO contact information and documentation procedures.

Professor M. would like to have signs on the doors with a number to call if you have forgotten your ID to gain access to the building and how police reports are filed.

The committee discussed possibly having signage on doors with the proper protocol,

who to call and let those trained manage these situations. Officer Weatheroy reminded the committee that if you see someone entering a building and have concerns, get to a safe place, get a good description and contact CPSO. Do not interact and a reminder to not put your hands on anyone you encounter.

Final Thoughts: The committee will draft a response to Professor M.

Topic: Chief Update

Staffing:

- Budgeted for 10 police officers, CPSO now has 9.
- 6 Public Safety officers.
- Posting for another Police Officer, Safety Officer and dispatcher.

Campus Safety

How we are keeping our campuses safe given the incident in Michigan.

Discussion: Committee had a discussion with Chief Halliburton given the recent events in Michigan. These events are nearly impossible to predict. CPSO engages in dialogue and educating the community on an ongoing basis. Work CPSO has been doing includes, officers have weekly tactical training, going to different departments to go over active threat responses, encourage the community that if you see something say something, high visibility of patrol cars and ambassadors, and addressing physical security weaknesses.

Chief Halliburton reported that there has been an increase in weapons and violent crimes on campus. The situation is looked at on a daily basis and they are constantly adjusting day to day operations to keep campus safe.

Final Thoughts: From the committee they would like to know how to communicate to our community, how we are committed to have unarmed patrol, but will have the ability to arm up when the situation requires it.

Announcements:

March 1st - CPSO and International students will have a meet and greet.

March 30th - CPSO Open House