Members Present: Joe Alexander, Clare Roby, Debbie Summers, Matt Thomas, Frank Li, Jed Wyrick, Karen vonBargen, Brent Liotta, Steve Robinow, Sharon Barrios, Ben Juliano, Patrick Newell, Tom Ussery, Kathleen Gentry

Members Absent: Dave Daley, Ken Chapman, Richard Tafalla, Kate McCarthy, Mike Magrey, Melody Stapleton, Jennifer Mays, Jessica Bourne, Jim Pushnik, Michael Guzzi

1) Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Tom at 1:06 pm

2) Approval of Minutes – Minutes from 12.12.17 were approved

3) New Business
   a) Guest – Chief John Reid
      i) Introductions were made to familiarize the Chief with who we are and what areas/buildings we represent and have concerns about. The Chief stated he had been on campus since September 1st as Interim Chief and his position will be permanent on 1/31/18.
      ii) He has been getting a sense of the campus and an understanding of the issues and has met with someone of us to discuss issues already. Access control and physical security are very complicated topics. He understands that safety and security are very important to our campus. He’s in a period where he’s still listening to the issues and figuring out areas where focus is needed, such as Physical Science and Meriam Library. In addition, University Village is an area of focus as well.
      iii) Safety and security is also integrated with the City. Given the contiguous nature of the campus and the city, there are a lot of complexities. There is a level of disruption that will always be present on campus, so how do we manage and mitigate that? This is related to the level of homelessness, transients, the chemically dependent, and the mentally ill who are using the campus response to them as a resource to address their issues. We may not be as large a campus as UC Berkeley, but we face a lot of the same issues. Most people don’t realize the distinction between the campus and the
community – they are seen as one. There are other levels of disruption with party behavior and other student-related behaviors as well, especially in the south-campus area.

iv) He’s trying to understand the workflow, who has authority to make certain decisions, how funding works, and the different departments and divisions. He’s also doing a lot of listening to figure out the issues on campus and how to appropriately respond to them. He wants to hear from us all on the topics discussed here so far like building access (different buildings have different issues with public access) and physical security.

v) Tom asked the group to share concerns/ask questions. Joe Alexander asked about the campus policy for police response to disruption. There are concerns with “crying wolf”. Additionally, he stated there are several places to hide in the ARTS building and they find people in their kitchens and sleeping in the building. What do they tell their folks want to know what to do about these issues.

(1) Chief Reid explained the difference between law enforcement/policing and security. On campus we have law enforcement on public property. Private entities on private property have greater authority to enforce security and the rules and regulations established by the owner of the property. The job of UPD is to enforce state law and compel people to stop when they're breaking the law. Most of the campus policies and procedures are set up for employees to follow are not enforceable by UPD. If they’re not followed there are consequences but not criminal consequences. People have the right to come on campus and access the facilities but those rights are not absolute. There is a subjective standard that is referred to as disrupting the normal operation of the campus. If they meet that standard, any campus official can ask them to stop and leave and if they don’t, UPD can enforce that. UPD can be called and will assess the behavior. If it is not considered to be disruptive they will be unable to enforce it. If faculty/staff sees something outside of the normal course or is disruptive/fearful, they should be calling UPD. They should be encouraged to call in those situations.

(2) Patrick Newell discussed the issues happening in Meriam Library. The library is unable to ban anyone at this point, but would like to. He mentioned a sex offender who spent the night in MLIB. There are other libraries in the CSU who have 30 day/1 year bans in effect.

(3) Steve Robinow spoke to a more transient population issue. He would like to make Physical Science less accessible during the day to help with the transients entering the building and “camping out” in it. The Chief said that trespassing statues come into play when people are accessing buildings during off-hours. He explained that many times when they remove someone from a building, that person is back the next day because this is not a criminal issue. Many homeless/transient will want to be arrested to be able to spend the night in jail, processed the next
day and they are back in Chico. There is constant pressure on campus from this respect.

(4) Debbie Summers mentioned people camping out on the balconies of Tehama Hall, just outside the faculty office windows. They leave all sorts of items behind. While UPD chases them off, they come back. Therefore she feels that building access/security is just part of the issue. The Chief mentioned that there are mechanical issues with doors and the like that he is working on with FMS. Outside doors are open, even held open, for a great deal of the day simply because the nature of the students moving from class to class is transient. Limiting access after-hours will help but not during regular hours.

(5) Sharon Barrios suggested an assessment of the issues so we really understand them and how to address them, especially the negative reactions to locking down buildings.

(6) Matt Thomas mentioned that when FMS had a graveyard shift of custodians, they were an additional set of eyes and ears. Also, the CSO program used to be more robust – they too were a great set of additional eyes and ears to look out for things. There are certain populations who will figure out how to get into buildings no matter what (like hiding in the bathroom at 5:00, then opening a door to let their friends in after everyone is gone). Chief Reid mentioned concerns on the staff side with classifications and roles. He supports the CSO program. There is a large population of criminal justice majors, and it would be a tremendous applied learning opportunity for them, but there is reluctance to place the students in harm’s way. UPD does not have the capacity for consistent, preventive night patrols – there are only 2 night officers and they get pulled away from campus often.

(7) Jed Wyrick mentioned active shooter concerns and other types of significant threats that are nationwide. He asked about Kendall Hall and other buildings and future restricted access and where we are in that regard. The Chief explained that different ideas have been discussed. They are planning on installing some new technology and functionality for limited access to KNDL. The main door would be open as well as ADA access points. Cameras will be installed at these doors. This will be a test program for the technology portion to see how it works and how it might work for other buildings. SF State has a good program in place. However, many suggestions come with significant cost. They’re assessing developing a physical security standard for existing facilities and for new facilities, including infrastructure and technology. It’s complicated and problematic. He asked this group to provide input on workflow for access control. He mentioned a Building Executive program that he’s worked with before, where one person is the decision maker for external access (not internal). This program with a single-point of contact worked great. He will send a template for the program and how it worked for our review and input. Sharon cautioned this could
have a significant impact on campus. Joe expressed concern that not everyone needs access to all areas, so some restriction is necessary. Access groups would help manage this very well. Building executives would need to work together closely to ensure appropriate access is granted. The Chief mentioned that the SPOC is a great liaison between departments and provides a good security conduit to others.

(8) Matt mentioned that ADA doors stay open when activated and cannot be shut, so one must stay to ensure it closes behind them and no one gets in who should not. He also mentioned that the campus was unhappy about Kendall being locked down over Thanksgiving but no other buildings were. It was discouraging to staff because they were feeling unsafe as well.

4) Old Business

a) Discussion Items – None discussed

b) Action Items – Key/Card Access Authorized Signers update – please send your updates if you haven't already done so

i) FacilitiesLink occupancy information needs to be kept up to date so we know who's where, so please communicate that back to your area's occupancy updater.

ii) The Chief and Mike Guzzi are working together and discussing the unlocking and locking of each building since Card Access moved to FMS. What we are doing will help them get this new process figured out. This will be on a future agenda.

(1) Ben Juliano asked about the City Police's involvement. Tom asked that everyone send thoughts about this topic to him & Kathleen for compilation for future discussions.

(2) Steve said we need to try something to address these issues. There are been three incidents in three days in his area – we can’t do nothing, we have to do something.

5) Announcements - None

6) Adjournment – 2:00 pm

Upcoming Dates:

- 2.15.18 – next meeting, 1:00 pm, ARTS228