



# UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## MEETING NOTES

January 27, 2021

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### ATTENDANCE

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Present (via Zoom):

Chief Matthew Dillon, UPD

Mike Guzzi, FMS

Kiley Kirkpatrick, AS

Tim Sistrunk, HFA

Farshad Azad, Community Member

Marvin Pratt, EHS

Mary Wallmark, Student Life and Leadership

Dan Herbert, Student Affairs

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### MINUTES

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1. Review meeting agenda

- Mary and Kiley have taken on role of Co-Chairs. Mary asked Tim to help find another faculty member as per the EM. Dan Herbert was appointed by Kate McCarthy (Undergrad). Kiley will help recruit a 2<sup>nd</sup> student as per EM.

2. Review notes from November 10, 2020

- Safety Walk postponed due to Covid tier. The group decided it is best to be in at least the red tier, keep the groups small w/face coverings and plan for rescheduled date of March 10 at 5:30pm.

3. Monthly summary of UPD activities

- Chief Dillon showed the group the new 40mm less-lethal sponge-tip example which just arrived, explained upcoming training for officers is being scheduled. Officers will be only agency in Butte County to carry these in their patrol vehicles. Chief would like to roll out a public info campaign; Kiley would like to include student input and recruit student questions.
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4. Current issues facing law enforcement throughout the CSU system as well as the state of California
- Chief Dillon updated the group on the Presidential Task Force on University Policing. Currently the task force has broken off into smaller working groups assigned to various issues; these groups have just started meeting and Chief will provide an update at the next meeting.
  - Chief Dillon updated the group on UPD's partnership with FMS and EHS regarding homelessness issues affecting campus areas. Recently a group representing the depts toured the Landen Hall area (open area, attracts non-campus related individuals) – a plan was developed to secure the area utilizing environmental design, including exterior paneling to enclose the bottom floor (including the lab wing), a roll-up door, card access for after-hours access, cameras along the creek and new exterior paint.
    - i. Kiley inquired about Blue Light phones along the creek and if there were plans to increase the number of Blue Light phones around campus. Mike Guzzi explained that Scott Claverie (Info Resources) has existing plans, and proposed the idea that perhaps Scott can speak to the group.
      1. Chief Dillon spoke on CSU Stanislaus's previous study that showed approx 99% of Blue Light calls are non-emergency due to most people carrying cell phones. Kiley spoke about the student perspective of feeling more comfortable knowing there are Blue Light phones available as they provide dispatch with the exact location of the caller and can even show a route of travel to track the subject if they are on the move. Marvin Pratt explained that many campuses are adding cameras and lighting but removing or at least not adding more Blue Lights.
      2. Mary asked if UPD can provide data on Blue Light calls at the next meeting and proposed that this was something that could perhaps be bounced off students for input. Kiley pointed out that safety is a big issue to parents and that the safer the campus can appear the better for peace of mind in determining where to send their children for college. Kiley also explained that as an example the homeless issue can look somewhat "out of control" around the main campus area, which is a cause for concern for prospective students and families.
      3. Grandmaster Azad explained that previously the group had discussed exploring the idea of an app that communicates directly with dispatch; asked if perhaps it was time to re-evaluate. Dan Herbert explained that he had previously researched the idea with the city, staff and students and that there were some reasons why that group felt it wasn't a good idea. Kiley will add the idea to the agenda for further discussion.
      4. Link to current map of Blue Lights:  
<https://www.csuchico.edu/up/physical-security/blue-light-phones.shtml>

- Chief Dillon advised the group that he will be meeting with President Hutchinson, Chico Mayor Andrew Coolidge, and Chico City Manager Mike Orme next week to discuss the homelessness issue affecting campus and the surrounding city; will update group at next meeting.
5. Report on any meetings with Academic Senate, Cabinet, various constituency groups
    - Tim Sistrunk inquired whether the topic of anti-racism was part of the Presidential Task Force on University Policing; Chief Dillon advised that it is and as the Task Force is just starting to work in their smaller groups he is hoping to be able to brief the committee further at the next meeting.
    - Mary advised that she will connect with the other groups mentioned above to provide a report at future meetings
  6. Examine recommendations from the Chief of Police concerning matters of public safety
    - Chief Dillon explained an initiative from President Hutchinson regarding the amphitheater/Bidwell Bowl area of Children's Park (adjacent to Physical Science building; City of Chico jurisdiction). When PhySci building is demolished (June '21; along with the Headhouse/Greenhouse) to allow for new Butte building to be constructed the desire is for the area to be made into a destination/desirable space for all to enjoy and gather. For a time the space will be a construction/work area/zone (fenced-off). Mike Guzzi shared some preliminary ideas for the construction/design. Marvin explained that the creek is the City's (runs through campus) but CSU Chico has a Grant of Use (ending at the bridge).
      - i. Dan brought up the point that the Mechoopda Tribe should be included in discussions regarding design and construction in that area. Mike Guzzi confirmed that once the design firm was selected the Tribe will be invited to participate. Tim inquired about Mechoopda's rights; Mike explained that FMS communicates with the Tribe anytime the creek or area is disturbed.
  7. Committee members to provide recommendations concerning matters of public safety
    - Take Force updates to be provided at next meeting
  8. Adjourn

Next meeting: February 24, 2021 at 4:00pm