Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) 2018/2019 Annual Report

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Message from CFO and Vice Chancellor

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) completed its first full academic year cycle with three quarterly meetings and its first annual Public Safety town hall for all UCI community members. At the town hall, Assistant Chief of Police Paul Cooper provided an overview on the body-worn audio/video systems implemented over the summer, explaining their functions and answering questions.

University of California President Janet Napolitano formed the Presidential Task Force on Universitywide Policing to conduct a holistic, environmental scan and review of policing practices on UC campuses. I had the honor of serving on the task force



which presented 28 recommendations that addressed matters such as the community complaint process, use of force policies, and community engagement through committees similar to PSAC. I was also appointed to oversee the systemwide implementation progress by each campus along with Elisabeth Gunther, UC Merced chief campus counsel. Stay up to date with task force progress here, <u>https://www.ucop.edu/policing-task-force/</u>.

This year, UCI welcomed Chief of Police Elizabeth Griffin who comes to our campus with 27 years of law enforcement experience from Long Beach Police Department. I look forward to continue working with her, PSAC Chair Carroll Seron, PSAC members, and the Anteater community to ensure the safety of all UCI students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Cortez Chief Financial Officer Vice Chancellor, Division of Finance and Administration

Message from PSAC Chair

It is an honor to continue to serve as the first chair of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) along with my dedicated colleagues from all corners of our campus community.

During the fall quarter we spent quite a bit of time assessing UCIPD procedures for managing complaints of alleged misconduct. At the beginning of the winter quarter, President Napolitano's Presidential Task Force on Universitywide Policing submitted their report, which examines best practices for policecommunity relations across the UC Campuses. We were fortunate to be represented on the task force by two members of UCI's PSAC. While this work was in progress, we felt it best



to wait to receive these recommendations. Beginning in the fall quarter, we will be taking steps to ensure that our practices align with task force recommendations.

Fortunately, many of the task force recommendations were in the process of adoption at UCI, including one to hold an annual town hall for the campus community—faculty, students, staff and the UHills community. We held our first town hall on May 21, 2019 in the Student Center. Professor Emeritus James Meeker, Interim Police Chief Paul Cooper, CFO and Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez and Vice Chancellor Doug Haynes each made brief remarks then we opened it up to questions from the audience. By all accounts, the town hall was a success and we are now at work scheduling a town hall for winter quarter. Please keep your eye out for a save-the-date and do plan to attend.

As many of you know, Elizabeth Griffin was appointed as the UCI Chief of Police and began her service on May 1, 2019; we were able to welcome Chief Griffin at the town hall and we look forward to continuing to work with her. I should note that the search process was extensive; members of the PSAC interviewed each of the candidates and played an active role in the search.

Please do not hesitate to submit any comments or questions to <u>psac@uci.edu</u>. We very much welcome your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Carroll Seron PSAC Chair Professor Emerita, School of Social Ecology

Background

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) was created in thanks to recommendations put forward by then Academic Senate Chair William Parker in June 2017. The Senate Cabinet endorsed recommendations from the report produced by the ad hoc UCIPD-UCI Community Relations Committee convened by the Academic Senate in Fall Quarter 2016.

Description and Charge

The Public Safety Advisory Committee proactively seeks the advice and counsel from a diverse group of community members regarding issues that impact the safety and quality of life of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the UCI campus and Medical Center.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee serves as a link between the campus community and the UCI Police Department. PSAC provides a forum to discuss and make recommendations on public policies, community outreach, and may participate on hiring panels for key UCI Police Department personnel. The advisory committee produces an annual report which summarizes its activities and includes key data of interest to the campus community, including the number and types of complaints the UCI Police Department receives.

2019 Membership

The Public Safety Advisory Committee members represent the diversity of campus stakeholders, including students, faculty and staff of UCI. Members are appointed by the CFO and Vice Chancellor of the Division of Finance and Administration from nominations provided by representative groups.

Committee Chair

Carroll Seron – Professor, UCI School of Social Ecology

Committee Members

- Adisa Ajamu Director, UCI Center for Black Cultures, Resources, and Research
- Karen Andrews Director, Disability Services Center
- Davidian Bishop Director, LGBT Resource Center
- Gwen Black Director of Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action
- Joe Brothman Director, EH&S, UCI Medical Center
- Paul Cooper Assistant Chief of Police, UCI Police Department (ex officio member)
- Olga Dunaevsky Senior Financial Analyst, UCI Henry Samueli School of Engineering
- Prince Heto Council Member, Associated Graduate Students
- Merielle Macaraeg Campus Climate Commission, ASUCI
- Jim Meeker Professor Emeritus, School of Ecology
- Megan Morrison Residence Life Coordinator, Housing
- Hobart Taylor Co-Chair, Homeowner Representative Board (HRB), University Hills
- Oscar Teran Director, UCI Dreamers Resource Center

Committee Staff

Mary Clark – Chief of Staff, UCI Division of Finance and Administration

Meeting Information

Meeting Summary – November 13, 2018

| # | Agenda Topic | Presenter |
|----|---|---|
| 1. | Vice Chancellor's Update | Ron Cortez, CFO and Vice Chancellor |
| 2. | Overview on Community Engagement Efforts | Paul Cooper, Interim Chief of Police |
| 3. | Review of Current Community Complaint Procedure | Paul Cooper, Interim Chief of Police |
| 4. | Zot Alerts and Faculty | CrystalRae Lugo-Shearer, Clery Act Compliance Manager |

Attendees:

| Carroll Seron | Paul Cooper | Mary Clark |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Adisa Ajamu | Merielle Macaraeg | Crystal Rae Lugo-Shearer |
| Davidian Bishop | Jim Meeker | Sara Newsome |
| Joe Brothman | Oscar Teran | |

CFO and Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez provided updates regarding the Presidential Task Force on Universitywide Policing with a focus on the current community complaint process.

Interim Chief of Police Paul Cooper presented on the S.A.F.E.R. program created by the UCI Police Department which is designed to foster engagement and responsibility between the UCI Police Department and students, faculty, staff, and visitors. He also reviewed the current community complaint procedure at UCI.

Clery Act Compliance Manager CrystalRae Lugo-Shearer presented on emergency notifications standards and requirements for ZotAlerts, crime alerts, and community advisories.

Meeting Summary – February 5, 2019

| # | Agenda Topic | Presenter |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | Vice Chancellor's Update | Ron Cortez, CFO and Vice Chancellor |
| 2. | UCIPD Recruitment | Paul Cooper, Interim Chief of Police |
| 3. | Implementation of Body-Worn Cameras | Paul Cooper, Interim Chief of Police |
| 4. | Presidential Taskforce on Universitywide Policing | Jim Meeker, Professor Emeritus |

Attendees:

| Carroll Seron | Paul Cooper | Hobart Taylor |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Adisa Ajamu | Olga Dunaevsky | Oscar Teran |
| Karen Andrews | Prince Heto | Mary Clark |
| Davidian Bishop | Merielle Macaraeg | Mike Hallinan |
| Gwen Black | Jim Meeker | Matt Moheny |
| Joe Brothman | Megan Morrison | |

CFO and Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez provided updates on the finalists for the Chief of Police search and next steps in the process. He updated PSAC on the Presidential Task Force on Universitywide Policing recommendations which will be released to the public soon. He announced that PSAC will host the first town hall for the community on public safety.

Interim Chief of Police Paul Cooper announced that Emergency Management Director Randy Styner started in February and ten police officers are to be hired in the next five months. In addition, he demonstrated the body-worn cameras selected by UCOP and announced the bodyworn camera system will go live on the UCI campus in summer 2019.

Chair Seron requested feedback on engagement opportunities for UCIPD and the stakeholders represented by each PSAC member.

Due to time constraints, the Presidential Taskforce on Universitywide Policing agenda item was moved to the next PSAC meeting agenda.

Meeting Summary – May 7, 2019

| # | Agenda Topic | Presenter |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | Vice Chancellor's Update | Ron Cortez, CFO and Vice Chancellor |
| 2. | Presidential Taskforce on Universitywide Policing | Jim Meeker, Professor Emeritus |
| 3. | Town Hall Planning | Carrol Seron, Chair |

Attendees:

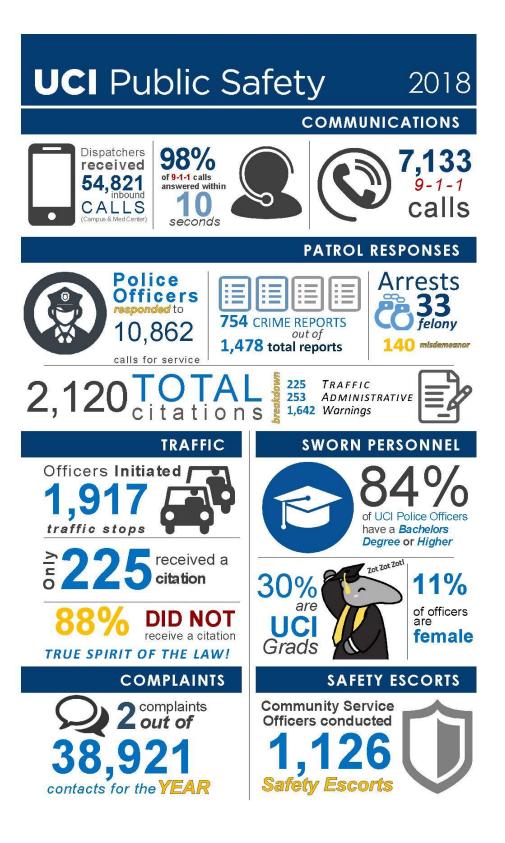
| Carroll Seron | Paul Copper | Megan Morrison |
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| Adisa Ajamu | Olga Dunaevsky | Hobart Taylor |
| Karen Andrews | Prince Heto | Oscar Teran |
| Gwen Black | Merielle Macaraeg | Mary Clark |
| Joe Brothman | Jim Meeker | |

CFO and Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez announced the release of the Presidential Task Force on Universitywide Policing: <u>https://www.ucop.edu/policing-task-force/policing-task-force-report_2019.pdf</u>. The report includes 28 recommendations to for University of California Police Departments.

Chair Seron announced the speakers and panelists for the upcoming town hall. Professor Meeker presented his overview of the standardization of the complaint process and committee members offered feedback.

The meeting closed by finalizing logistics for the town hall scheduled for May 21.

UCI Police Department Data



UCI Police Department Complaint Data

Complaints result in an investigation, and complainants are notified of the disposition of the complaint. The conclusions of investigations are based upon a standard of proof that is clear and convincing evidence. The investigation report contains findings regarding each allegation. The possible findings are:

Unfounded – When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel. Complaints that are determined to be frivolous will be treated as unfounded (Code of Civil Procedure section 128.5 and Penal Code section 832.5(c)).

Exonerated – The evidence supports a finding that the alleged acts occurred; however, the conduct was justified, lawful, or proper.

Not Sustained – The evidence is insufficient to support a finding that the alleged conduct occurred or violated department policy or procedure.

Sustained – The evidence supports a finding that the alleged conduct occurred and that the conduct was improper (e.g., violated department policy or procedure).

Visit UCI Police Department website for links to forms and additional information on filing a commendation or complaint:

| Location | Complainant's Campus Affiliation | Allegation(s) | Status | Outcome |
|----------|--|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2018 | Med Center | Non-Affiliate | Molestation | Not Complete |
| 2018 | Main Campus | Student | Conduct Unbecoming | Investigation complete |

2018 Complaint Data

2019 Complaint Data*

| Location | Complainant's Campus Affiliation | Allegation(s) | Status | Outcome |
|----------|--|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2019 | Main Campus | Student | Conduct Unbecoming | Investigation complete |
| 2019 | Main Campus | Student | Conduct Unbecoming | Under Investigation |
| 2019 | Medical Center | Non-Affiliate | Unnecessary Force | Not Complete |

*Data compiled through August 2019.

Officer-Initiated Contact Data

Officer-initiated activity is defined as vehicle stops for traffic violations, bicycle stops for safety violations, and stops of individuals who are suspected of being involved in criminal activity. Reports are available at the following link: <u>http://police.uci.edu/police/officer-contact-data/index.php.</u>

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