

2023-2024 Annual Report

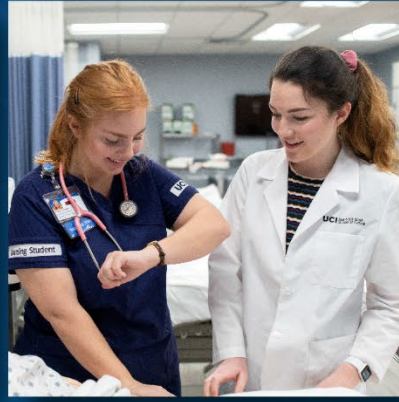


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Message from PSAC Chair and Vice Chair

We write this annual message at a moment in time when campuses across the country have been roiled with protests, confronted with questions of freedoms and personal safety, and embroiled in critical discussions of our responsibilities to international conflicts and their devastating consequences.

The role of the police on campus during protests has been at the front and center of these important conversations, and our focus here at UCI has been no different. PSAC is actively engaging with our campus community to analyze the policing events on UCI's campus. We are committed to assessing the status of the relationships between the UCI Police Department and all members of our campus. Through this collaborative effort, we aim to ensure that all voices are heard and to strengthen our community bonds.

Over this past year, PSAC has expanded its membership to include several more representatives of our student communities including graduate students, formerly incarcerated students, and undergraduate students, all of whom are deeply committed to ensuring that all members of our community feel safe.

PSAC invites all community members to be a part of our collective efforts to maintain an open and unbiased dialogue with the UCI police department, and to work towards the policing we aspire to have in our community. If you have particular issues or suggestions related to policing and public safety at UCI that you would like to share with PSAC, please contact us at PSAC@uci.edu.

Sincerely,



Kelli Sharp

PSAC Vice Chair, Associate Professor
Claire Trevor School of the Arts, Dance
Department



Katie Tinto

PSAC Chair, Clinical Professor of Law
School of Law

Background

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) was established in February 2018, created thanks to recommendations put forward by then UCI 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 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 UCI Medical Center.

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.

PSAC 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. Current membership can be found on the PSAC website:

psac.uci.edu/membership.

Committee Leadership

- Katie Tinto, Chair – Clinical Professor, School of Law
- Kelli Sharp, Vice Chair – Associate Professor, Claire Trevor School of the Arts, Department of Dance

Committee Members

- Adam Kasarda – Director, Disability Services Center
- Adisa Ajamu – Director, Center for Black Cultures, Resources, and Research
- Amalia Mejia – AGS VP External
- Angela Chen – Director, DREAM Center
- Anirudh Kumar Mandala – RHA President
- Davidian Bishop – Director, LGBT Resource Center
- Gwen Black – Assistant Vice Chancellor of Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action, Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity
- Hobart Taylor – Chairman, Homeowner Representative Board (HRB), University Hills
- Joe Brothman – Director, EH&S, UCI Medical Center
- Jun Jang – President, Associated Students
- Kabria Allen-Ziaee – Residence Life Coordinator, Student Housing
- Kelsey Weymouth-Little – AGS Representative
- Lou Gill – Senior Director, Undergraduate Housing & Residential Life
- Naja Spotworth Christmas – Palo Verde Residents Council Representative
- Paul Cooper – Assistant Chief of Police, UCI Police Department (ex officio member)
- Rachel Hillman – ASUCI Racial Justice Coordinator
- Reginald Gardner – President, Associated Graduate Students¹
- Sofia Okuma – Graduate Student
- William Harrington – Underground Scholars

¹Served through October 2023

Monthly Meetings

Meeting Summary – September 18, 2023

Agenda:

#	Agenda Topic	Presenter
1.	CFO and Vice Chancellor Update	Mary Lou D. Ortiz, CFO and Vice Chancellor
2.	Chief of Police Update	Liz Griffin, Chief of Police
3.	Updates from Chair	Katie Tinto, Clinical Professor, School of Law
4.	Executive Session	

PSAC Member Attendees:

Katie Tinto
Kabria Allen-Ziaee
Davidian Bishop

Gwen Black
Angela Ru Chen
Lou Gill

Jun Jang
Kelli Sharp

Mary Lou D. Ortiz related that the Police Accountability Board (PAB) implementation will begin soon; since Vice Chancellor Dyonne Bergeron is now leading this effort, Mary Lou would like to invite Dyonne to the upcoming meeting so she can provide additional details on training and board memberships.

Chief of Police Liz Griffin provided an update on the status of Be Well OC. Their team is now out in the field and helping individuals (e.g., faculty, staff, and students) who are experiencing substance abuse issues, homelessness, or have mental health needs. The University wants to see the Be Well OC program grow at the UCI campus.

Katie Tinto informed the group that the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) annual report is now on the website and available for review. She also provided future meeting dates for the year, and an update about Community Town Halls and PSAC memberships.

No additional agenda items or future agenda items were discussed.

Meeting Summary – October 23, 2023

Agenda:

#	Agenda Topic	Presenter
1.	Introductions of New Members and Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	Katie Tinto
2.	CFO and Vice Chancellor Update	Mary Lou D. Ortiz
3.	Chief of Police Update	Liz Griffin
4.	Discussion of Bylaws Development	All
5.	Discussion of Goals and Community Roundtables for the Year	All

PSAC Member Attendees:

Katie Tinto
Gwen Black
Joe Brothman
Angela Ru Chen

Rachel Hillman
Jun Jang
Adam Kasarda
Anirudh Mandala

Amalia Mejia
Kelli Sharp
Kelsey Weymouth-Little

The vice chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and new student committee members introduced themselves.

Mary Lou D. Ortiz informed us about the upcoming UC Community Safety Conference scheduled for November 8-9, 2023, in Costa Mesa. This two-day event will foster discussions on civil rights, higher education, mental health, and the collaboration of law enforcement in enhancing campus safety. Additionally, she extended an invitation to PSAC student members to volunteer for the conference, as the Systemwide Director of Community Safety is actively seeking student participation.

Chief of Police Liz Griffin introduced the Be Well OC program to the new PSAC members. She mentioned that Be Well OC is helping individuals (e.g., faculty, staff, and students) who are experiencing substance abuse issues, homelessness, or have mental health challenges. The University is eager to foster the expansion of the Be Well OC program on the UCI campus.

Katie Tinto provided future meeting dates for the year, and an update about Community Town Halls/roundtables.

No additional agenda items or future agenda items were discussed.

Meeting Summary – November 27, 2023

Agenda:

#	Agenda Topic	Presenter
1.	Introductions of Everyone/New Members	All
2.	Chief of Police Update	Liz Griffin
3.	Discussion of Student Safety During Protests	Kelsey Weymouth-Little
4.	Discussion of Trainings	All
5.	Discussion of Goals and Community Roundtables for the Year	All

PSAC Member Attendees:

Katie Tinto
Davidian Bishop
Angela Ru Chen
Lou Gill

Brian Harington
Jun Jang
Adam Kasarda
Amalia Mejia

Sofia Okuma
Kelli Sharp
Hobart Taylor
Kelsey Weymouth-Little

Committee members provided brief introductions to the group.

Chief of Police Liz Griffin highlighted UCIPD's involvement in protests and suggested inviting Edgar Dormitorio to the upcoming PSAC meeting to elaborate on the responsibilities of the Event Management team and their stakeholders.

Katie Tinto provided future meeting dates for the year, and an update regarding Community Town Halls/roundtables for faculty, staff, and students.

PSAC committee members discussed the current status of camera policies and inquired about any potential updates.

No additional agenda items or future agenda items were discussed.

Meeting Summary – January 8, 2024

Agenda:

#	Agenda Topic	Presenter
1.	Introductions of Everyone/New Members	All
2.	CFO and Vice Chancellor Update	Mary Lou D. Ortiz
3.	Chief of Police Update	Liz Griffin
4.	Assistant Vice Chancellor, Chief of Staff, Student Affairs Event Management Team Update (<i>time at 2:15pm-2:45pm</i>)	Edgar J. Dormitorio
5.	PSAC Updates: Community Groups and other items	All

PSAC Member Attendees:

Katie Tinto
Kabria Allen-Zaee
Davidian Bishop
Gwen Black

Joe Brothman
Naja Christmas
Lou Gill
Jun Jang

Zoe C. Miller-Vedam
Adam Kasarda
Kelli Sharp
Hobart Taylor

Committee members provided brief introductions to the group.

Mary Lou D. Ortiz provided us with updates on the status of protest activities across campuses at both the systemwide and higher education levels. Campuses are evaluating the most suitable responses to these protests and are actively collaborating with students, faculty, and staff to address the situation appropriately. Additionally, she mentioned that Senate Bill (SB) 553 goes into effect on July 1, 2024, and requires employers to develop their own workplace violence prevention plans. A committee has been established to ensure the universities compliance, and further updates will be provided as the date approaches.

Chief of Police Liz Griffin provided recent updates on the Community Safety Plan and Police Accountability Board. It was discussed that the Office of Inclusive Excellence will provide quarterly updates regarding the Police Accountability Board.

Edgar Dormitorio, assistant vice chancellor and chief of staff for Student Affairs, was a guest speaker. He provided updates regarding the Event Management Team and recommendations regarding campus protests.

PSAC Community Group logistics (e.g., agendas, layouts, and marketing) and diversity trainings were discussed.

No additional agenda items or future agenda items were discussed.

Meeting Summary – March 11, 2024

Agenda:

#	Agenda Topic	Presenter
1.	Introductions of Everyone/New Members	All
2.	CFO and Vice Chancellor Update	Mary Lou D. Ortiz
3.	Assistant Chief of Police Update	Paul Cooper
4.	PSAC Updates: Community Groups and other items	All

PSAC Member Attendees:

Katie Tinto
Adisa Ajamu
Davidian Bishop
Gwen Black

Naja Christmas
Lou Gill
Brian Harrington
Aaliyah Hyler
Jun Jang

Adam Kasarda
Anirudh Mandala
Kelli Sharp
Hobart Taylor

Mary Lou D. Ortiz provided us brief updates on the status of the Community Safety Plan and its completion.

Assistant Chief of Police, Paul Cooper, provided recent updates on the Police Accountability Board. It was discussed that the Office of Inclusive Excellence will provide quarterly updates regarding the Police Accountability Board. Additionally, he provided updates regarding UCIPD's equipment, website, and K9 Cliff.

Discussed PSAC Community Group logistics (e.g., agendas), updates, and upcoming plans.

No additional agenda items or future agenda items were discussed.

Meeting Summary – May 13, 2024

Agenda:

#	Agenda Topic	Presenter
1.	CFO and Vice Chancellor Update	Mary Lou D. Ortiz
2.	Chief of Police Update	Liz Griffin
3.	PSAC Updates	All

PSAC Member Attendees:

Kabria Allen-Ziaee
Davidian Bishop
Gwen Black
Joe Brothman

Zoe Chaetana Miller-
Vedam
Angela Chen
Brian Harrington
Jun Jang

Adam Kasarda
Kelli Sharp
Hobart Taylor
Kelsey Weymouth-Little

Mary Lou D. Ortiz provided us updates regarding the encampments outside of Rowland and Croul Hall. It was noted that the encampments have entered their second week, and the university's priority is campus safety. Additionally, ensuring a safe environment for all students, staff, faculty, and community members remains a top priority.

Chief of Police Liz Griffin provided a brief update on Be Well OC, noting that the statistics are now available on the UCIPD website. It was discussed that Be Well OC was utilized as a tiered response model for the encampments. Additionally, Liz Griffin explained the roles of the UCIPD and the Event Management Team for protests and encampments.

Committee members discussed recommendations to enhance campus safety.

No additional agenda items or future agenda items were discussed.

Meeting Summary – June 10, 2024

Agenda:

#	Agenda Topic	Presenter
1.	CFO and Vice Chancellor Update	Mary Lou D. Ortiz
2.	Chief of Police Update	Liz Griffin
3.	PSAC Executive Session	All

PSAC Member Attendees:

Katie Tinto
Kabria Allen-Ziaee
Davidian Bishop
Gwen Black

Joe Brothman
Naja Christmas
Lou Gill
Jun Jang

Adam Kasarda
Rebecca Ruiz
Kelli Sharp
Hobart Taylor
Kelsey Weymouth-Little

Mary Lou D. Ortiz provided updates regarding changes in leadership and that discussions are still ongoing to finalize the details related to membership transition plans. She mentioned that she aims to ensure a smooth and efficient transition, reflecting the evolving needs and objectives of the committee.

Chief of Police Liz Griffin provided an update that UCIPD is experiencing officer turnover, requiring recruitment soon. This process may commence as early as July, targeting completion by the start of the school year. Additionally, she discussed the events of Wednesday, May 15, where encampment escalations occurred on campus. She detailed the subsequent actions taken, including the call for mutual aid to manage the situation effectively. She also provided updates on arrests, zotAlerts, and revisions to Penal Code 626 notices.

Committee members discussed recommendations to enhance campus safety.

No additional agenda items or future agenda items were discussed.

Police Department Complaint Data

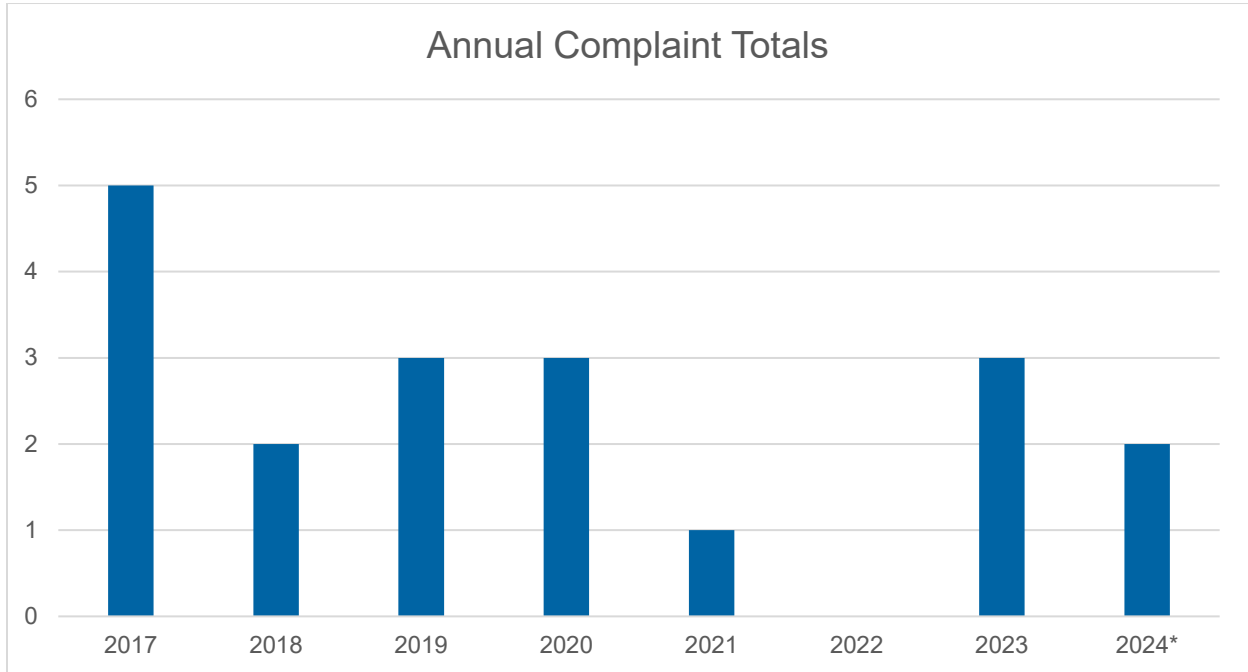
Formal complaints result in an investigation, and complainants are notified of the disposition. The average time it takes to process and investigate a complaint is between three and six months; however, each case is unique. Additional information regarding complaints can be found on the UCI Police Department website: police.uci.edu/commendations-complaints.

The possible findings are:

- **Unfounded:** When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve Department personnel. Complaints, which are determined to be frivolous, will fall within the classification of unfounded.
- **Exonerated:** When the investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred, but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.
- **Not Sustained:** When the investigation discloses that, there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.
- **Sustained:** When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish that the act occurred and that it constituted misconduct.
- **No Finding:** The complainant failed to provide additional information needed to complete the investigation.
- **Complaint Withdrawn:** The complainant affirmatively indicates the desire to withdraw their complaint.
- **Mediation:** By mutual agreement with all involved parties the case was mediated and the complaint withdrawn.
- **Referred to Other Entity:** The investigation determined that persons other than UC Irvine Police employees were involved or the investigation falls within the jurisdiction of the UCI Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversion (OEOD).

UCI Campus & Medical Center Complaint Status Overview

The UCI Police Department launched their [data dashboard](#) in September 2021. Annual crime statistics, complaints, RIPA stop data and more can be found on the website at police.uci.edu.



*As of July 1, 2024

Officer-Initiated stops, also referred to as “Stop Data”

Stop data is defined as any detention or search (including consensual searches). Reports are available at the following link: <https://police.uci.edu/how-do-i/contact-data.php>.

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