

## Public Safety Advisory Committee Notes

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### Communications & Overall PSAC Training – Alvin Alvarez

- If you have urgent items that you need Alvin to attend to, or if you emailed and haven't received a response from him please feel free to reach out to Cristina [cba@sfsu.edu](mailto:cba@sfsu.edu) and she will alert Alvin to respond.
- A "Parking Lot" list will be added to the Notes.
- In last month's meeting, the question/concern regarding why defunding the university police is off the table was brought up by a PSAC member.

Alvin shared the response below with PSAC, which he received from VP Hellwig and President Mahoney that addresses this question/concern:

- **Conceptual level:** The focus is to reallocate resources and to respond holistically to students' needs from a safety standpoint. For example, providing services such as Counseling & Psych Services, and services from the Equity & Inclusion Office, etc. The focus is how resources are allocated, not defunding or deconstructing the UPD.
- **Operational level:** That being said, it is important to recognize that resources have already been reallocated. For example, UPD currently has 8 unfilled/vacant staff positions. These positions have been shifted to Counseling & Psych Services and to the Equity & Inclusion Office.

Additional comments from PSAC members:

- The goal is a paradigm shift on how law enforcement engages with the community – from policing to guardianship and participatory public community.
- Efforts have been made for Residential Life and Housing staff who are trained in mediation to respond to requests that do not require police involvement/escalation, i.e. disputes between neighbors/tenants, noise complaints.
- Two PSAC members from the Equity and Inclusion & \*CAPS Offices confirmed the benefits as a result of the reallocation of resources, and expressed their appreciation. The focus in providing holistic services to students via partnerships/collaboration with SAEM, Campus Safety, UPD, and Counseling & Psych Services seems to be working to improve students' experiences. It is also important to include partnerships with other offices across campus. (\*CAPS: Counseling & Psychological Services)

- A PSAC member offered the monthly Leadership Forum meetings to be a venue where work done in PSAC and the work done in the reallocation of resources can be shared.
- Alvin will double check with VP Hellwig regarding the appropriate way to share information and will report back to PSAC (who, where, how & when).

The roadmap for remaining PSAC meetings:

- As a reminder, the Foundational Questions were categorized in the following four areas:
  - 1) Basics: Structure, Financial, Operations & Staffing
  - 2) Decision-Making
  - 3) Assessment & Evaluation
  - 4) Community Relations
- Reggie and his team will prepare a presentation for each category.
- Today Enrique will start with the first category, Basics: Structure, Financial, Operations & Staffing.
- If there are questions or concerns that come up, please make sure to bring it up.

#### **Public Safety Basics: Enrique Castro Vera Cruz**

- Enrique has been a sworn UPD member for 9 years. He graduated from Cal Poly where he worked as a Community Service Officer as an undergrad.
- The following were a few comments & suggestions after the presentation:
  - Clarify the number of calls that resulted in action/"committed".
  - Provide data as to how our campus compares with national standards and sister campuses in terms of the balance between community service officers and sworn officers.
  - FYI One of UPD's goal is to become IACLEA accredited in the next 2 to 3 years (About IACLEA: <https://www.iaclea.org/accreditation>)
  - A PSAC member provided following link: <https://www.researchgate.net/scientific-contributions/Ryan-Patten-2033678728>
  - Are UPD officers armed at all times? Answer: Yes.
- Enrique's presentation was uploaded on the PSAC Box folder and emailed to PSAC members.

#### **"Parking Lot" Items: Ongoing Depository of Ideas, Questions and Concerns:**

1. **Install Security Cameras in the UPN properties.** Residents' packages have been stolen, and one member on the PSAC advised her car was damaged ("totaled") a few months ago.
  - FYI Per Reggie: "There are a myriad of technology, fiscal, and policy considerations that need to be made for installation of surveillance systems on campus. We can definitely initiate conversations on utilizing and implementation of surveillance systems in the Public Safety Advisory Committee and can include this in our list of foundational questions."
2. **Provide better lighting in the residential community.**

- FYI per Reggie: “In past years, UPD collaborated with Facilities, Housing, and Res Life to conduct a Night Safety Walk program around the campus and the residential community. During the safety walk, participants would identify lighting and other safety issues which were documented. The UPD Crime Prevention Coordinator would submit a work order to Facilities with recommendations for repairs and installation of lights, as needed. We look forward to continuing with the safety walk program once COVID related restrictions are lifted.”
3. **Review/Discuss housing agreement amendment XXI Right of Entry**, which indicates:  
 "The University shall have the right to enter the premises occupied by Licensee for the purposes of emergency, health, safety, maintenance, management of applicable rules and regulations, or for any other lawful purpose. The University shall exercise these rights reasonably and with respect for Licensee's right to be free from unreasonable searches and intrusions into study or privacy. When possible, the University shall give Licensee(s) reasonable notice of its intention to enter the Premises and shall enter only during normal business hours."
    - Is it possible to revise this so that the only time that facilities member can enter an apartment is after proper notification in non-emergent situations?
  4. **Work with Student Marketing & University Communications** to broadly publicize ongoing efforts by UPD. Let campus community know about the work being done in PSAC, and the recent efforts already made by UPD as well as the reallocation of resources that have been made to provide holistic services to students.
  5. **Best way to communicate PSAC work.** What is the most appropriate way this can be done – who, how, when and where? The monthly Leadership Forum is one venue to consider, where else? Alvin to raise this with VP Hellwig and keep PSAC posted.
  6. **Armed Officers** – discuss experiences from a student perspective, and explore if there are other alternatives for officers to carry arms, if possible.