# **POLICE AND CAMPUS SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

# **MINUTES**

# **December 9, 2024**

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| **COMMITTEE MEMBERS** |
| X | Chief Kelli Florman |  | Shannon Carter |  | Robin Cash |
|  | Jill Dolan | X | Maribel Gonzalez |  | Lance Heard |
| X | Lesley Johnson | X | Stacy Manfredi | X | Scott Neighbor |
|  | Lani Ruh |  | ~~Esther Santiago~~ |  | Jamie Solis |
| X | Koji Uesugi | X | Sayeed Wadud | X | Irene Robles |
| **ASSOCIATED STUDENT MEMBERS** |
|  | Tash Buie | X | Dani Silva |  |  |
| **GUESTS** |
|  | Acting Deputy Chief Aubrey Kellum |  | Sergeant Rafael Ixco |  | Sergeant Brian Owen |
| X | Sergeant Peter Gamino | X | Sergeant Carlos Langarica | X | Michelle Shear |
| X | Haneen Alghita-Aguilar | X | Stephanie Bolechowski |  |  |

1. Introduction of Sergeant Peter Gamino and Sergeant Carlos Langarica
* Sergeants Gamino and Langarica introduced themselves to the committee and provided their background information.
* Round table introductions.
1. Police equipment/weapons for sworn officers
* Chief Florman talked about why she would like to purchase the following weapons to keep the campus as safe as possible:
	+ Rifles – to keep up with active shooter situations, as many active shooters use rifles. The benefit of using rifles is that they are more accurate at a distance. The chief would like to purchase one for each sworn officer. The cost for each AR15 platform is approximately $1,200.00.
	+ There will be a very strict policy on the use of rifles.
	+ Tasers – the advantage of using a taser is that it allows officers to be farther back from a suspect (15-25 feet) than with pepper spray 6-8 feet) or a baton (1½ - 2 feet). It is a less-lethal weapon. Each taser costs approximately $5,500.00 and has a 5-year shelf life. Initial training would be required, and annual four-hour training thereafter.
	+ There will be a taser policy in place, which Chief Florman will share with the Advisory Committee.
	+ The first step is to locate the budget to reconfigure the P&CS offices to find space for locked storage, a cage inside a room, train sworn personnel, and then purchase the weapons.
1. Round table – Q&A and Comments
* Question:
	+ Will there be a POST-certified firearms instructor or someone to maintain/inspect the weapons? A Rangemaster?
* Answer:
	+ A sergeant will be sent to Rangemaster School. It possibly could also be a new classification for a non-sworn officer.
* Question:
	+ Is the 24-hour rifle course one time?
* Answer:
	+ It is one-time with annual qualifying.
* Question:
	+ Will the rifles be carried in the vehicles?
* Answer:
	+ The rifles will be in locked in rifle racks in the vehicles.
* Question:
	+ Is the campus community prepared to see rifles on campus?
* Answer:
	+ This is why the chief is first bringing the topic to the Advisory Committee.
	+ Comments:
		- The introduction of weapons is important so the campus can get used to seeing them on the sworn officers.
		- Reminder to the campus that LASD is no longer responding to all calls.
		- Dani Silva stated she agrees with purchasing rifles for the sworn officers and would like to share the information with Senator’s Cabinet.
		- Maribel Gonzalez will share the information with the Faculty Association.
* Question:
	+ Will the sergeants be sent out to certain calls like 5150?
* Answer:
	+ Yes, the sworn officers respond to these types of calls, while the PSOs act as support.
* Question:
	+ What is the approach to DHH students?
* Answer:
	+ It was suggested that training take place with basic language for DHH.
	+ Chief Florman would like to hold training in simple hand signs for the P&CS Department.
* Comments:
	+ Concerns were voiced about the safety of late-night classes in and around building 66. It was requested that PSOs walk through the building at the end of classes.
	+ Chief Florman and Sergeant Gamino reminded the committee to call the dispatch office if they feel unsafe, and dispatch will send an officer to their location. They can also request an escort and use Text-a-Tip to communicate information.
	+ Chief Florman invited the committee members to email agenda topics to her for future meetings.

The next meeting is January 13, 2025.

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