# **POLICE AND CAMPUS SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

# **MINUTES**

# **September 9, 2024**

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

1. Introductions
   1. Newly appointed Chief of Police & Campus Safety, Kelli Florman, introduced herself to the committee. All others present introduced themselves as well.
2. Review of attachments:
   1. Committee Goals/Objectives
      1. The Goals are to be updated every two years. The Outcomes are presented formally every year.
   2. Advisory Committee Requirements Under Title 5
      1. It was suggested to work on another Goal that addresses Title 5 requirements.
   3. Department Use of Force Policy
      1. Laws changed in 2021, requiring the Use of Force Policy to include 24 standards and be published on our website.
      2. The committee recommended no changes to the updated Use of Force Policy as presented.
      3. The policy is for sworn officers. Non-sworn officers have the right to self-defense like any other civilian.
   4. POST Use of Force Standards and Guidelines
      1. The 2021 POST Use of Force Standards and Guidelines was discussed.
3. Resolution No. 24-04 – Establishment of the College Police Department
   1. On August 7, 2024, the Board of Trustees established the Police & Campus Safety Department as a duly constituted college police department.
4. New MOU with LASD
   1. As of August 1, 2024, LASD will only respond to the most serious crimes, i.e., homicide, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, sexual assault, and hate crimes upon request.
   2. Question: Will the parameters be expanded for P&CS response?

Chief Florman stated that P&CS is responsible for all crimes on campus and is building up the department's infrastructure. For example, citation books are being ordered to have the ability to administer citations other than parking violations.

Question: How will this affect current non-sworn officers?

Chief Florman said job descriptions are currently being negotiated. PSO job description includes conducting preliminary investigations and writing incident reports, which will be more complete.

Sgt. Ixco stated that wherever the PSOs investigation ends, the sergeants will continue investigating until the report is complete.

1. Personnel Update
   1. 2 Sergeants have been given a conditional offer of employment. They are going through an extensive background, including a medical and psychological evaluation.
   2. The hiring committee for the Lieutenant position will meet for the Orientation meeting on 9/11/24.

Question: Will the background investigation review prior excessive force?

Chief Florman said they would look at any disciplinary issues and biases.

Question: Will there be more CSOs hired?

Chief: that is unknown at this time. There are 3 PSOs currently in backgrounds. There is a need for more parking officers and sworn officers.

There needs to be a balance of priorities.

It was suggested that a committee member make a public comment at the Board of Trustees meeting to support hiring additional P&CS personnel.

Question: Who will determine if someone needs to be held on a 5150; LASD, P&CS, LA Department of Mental Health?

Chief Florman said right now it will be P&CS sergeants. She is sending LASD a letter requesting they come out for these incidents.

The statement was made that the College should focus on a holistic approach in lieu of arrest.

Chief Florman said the College has a lot of resources to assist people in need of help and that arrest would be the last resort. Sgt. Ixco agreed that the goal is not to arrest people.

A member of the DHH community expressed confusion in the process of notification during an emergency, and stated they were not aware of a fire alarm going off last week.

The Chief reminded the DHH community that they can use the Text-a-Tip number to reach the P&CS department. They could also text 911 to report an emergency.

Chief Florman encouraged the committee members to send her any items they would like on the next agenda.

The next meeting is October 14, 2024.

This is the link to the Police & Campus Safety Advisory Committee website:

<https://www.mtsac.edu/governance/committees/pcsac/index.html>