



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2022

1:00 – 2:00 pm, Zoom

Committee Members Present: Joel Peterson, John Parker, Daniel Brislin, Kimberly Tapia, Nadia Sayeh, Darius Spearman, Caitlin Tiffany, Cat Le, Joseph Ramos, Nancy Schumaker

Committee Members Absent: David Mehlhoff, John Bromma, Kimberly Palek, Kevin Branson, Anna Liza Manzo, Neill Kovrig, Marie Migambi, Emily Smith, Xi Chen, Gerald Brown, Aaron Burgess, Patrick Velasquez

Meeting commenced 1:04 pm

John Parker asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented, approved with unanimous consent.

The revised minutes from October 28, 2022 and minutes from November 30, 2022 were tabled, will need quorum to approve during next meeting on January 20, 2023.

Subcommittee update on draft PAC bylaws tabled to next meeting when there will be quorum.

On-campus officer attire was addressed by Chief Ramos; he is working with the district studying some options to see what other departments are wearing. VC Peterson expressed that when officers are not on patrol but attending special events they do not wear uniforms. The idea of doing a uniform pilot was received well. Kimberly shared that the first topic of a recent mental health collaboration meeting was uniforms and Nancy emphasized that there should be a difference between security officer uniforms versus law enforcement uniforms. Darius emphasized the need for students to feel welcome when using computer labs or wi-fi on campus without police questioning what they are doing there. Caitlin shared that she has seen students and tutors experience police questioning as recent as 2021. Cat expressed the importance of acknowledging immigrant or non-citizen students knowing differences in police uniforms also. John P asked if gun belts were different for officers wearing polo shirts and Chief Ramos explained that the gun belts are consistent with the items they are required to carry, including: handcuffs, firearm, extra magazines, pepper spray and other standard items like keys. They would need the same equipment even if wearing a polo. Kimberly shared that the first question asked in a court case is what the officer was wearing.

VC Peterson shared they are still going through the research and developing the mental health professional job description. Chief Ramos shared that they recently had their first mental health meeting and had a representative from the San Diego Psychiatric Evaluation Response Team (PERT) and had representation from all campuses and student services. He thanked Nadia for volunteering to be a liaison between the mental health committee and this committee. Nadia shared that they had a great introduction meeting to lay out some groundwork and is looking forward to the next steps. VC Peterson is still working with Chief Ramos and Nadia to have the draft job description created so it can be shared with this committee noting that it is not ready to review yet. Kimberly shared that the committee will meet monthly and will have an outside mental health source. Chief Ramos shared that PERT clinicians will not enter a scene until police clear the area and confirm the environment is safe. The work up front will be to determine what this mental health position will look like: (a) with an officer, and (b) without an officer.

The next meeting is January 20, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm