

Advisory Board Minutes

December 14, 2020

Present

Chief Aguirre, Calli Lewis Chiu, Tonantzin Oseguera, Marcus Reveles, G. Chris Brown, Christie Gardiner, Matthew Verhulst, Janette Hyder, LaTosha Traylor, Vincent Vigil

Chief Aguirre welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Janette Hyder introduced herself to the group, members gave a brief introduction of themselves to Janette. Dr. Vincent Vigil attended the meeting as a guest. Calli made a motion to start the meeting, Janette seconded the motion.

Approval of September 28, 2020 Minutes

Motion by Christie to approve the minutes of September 28, 2020, with noted corrections. Corrections to be made are: Change Greg Brown to G. Chris Brown, capitalize the "T" in LaTosha, correct spelling of Folino Drive, and take out extra spaces. Minutes approved with changes.

New Business

Board Member Responsibilities

Chief Aguirre reminded everyone the importance of attending the Advisory Board meetings, especially since they are quarterly. The Chief feels it is important to have everyone present whenever possible and understands it may not always happen. The Chief reiterated the importance of providing updates to Calli in between meetings, the Chief uses the updates to report the Board's progress to the VP who then informs the President and his cabinet.

Action Item Groups

Calli asked everyone to review the list of "groups" listed in the Action Plan Form she developed and to let her know if anyone wants to be removed or added to the "groups." Updates will be made and listed on the form. In addition, "groups" will now be referred to as "sub-committees." Calli asked for someone to update the progress notes for Inform Campus Community Group, the Chief volunteered to do it.

CFA's / SQE's Demand to Defund University Police / Options / Responses to the Demands by CFA and SQE

C. Greg Brown said the SQE submitted a PRA request and they were charged a fee. Corporal Verhulst stated SUPA has also been charged fees when they have submitted a PRA request. T.O. agreed this is an across the board charge for all groups requesting PRAs. Calli discussed the need to talk about the actual demands being brought by the CFA and suggested putting them in a document and have the group meet to determine the best way to respond to their demands. Chief Aguirre asked the group to reach out to himself and Corporal Verhulst for further information regarding the demands. Chief talked about CSU San Diego applying for a grant to fund two Social Worker positions for their PD. They are having issues with the grant, but are looking for other ways to fund the positions. Calli asked who wrote the grants, the Chief wasn't sure but stated he would find out and let her know. The issue of what the CFA is referring to exactly when they talk about militarized police was brought up. LaTosha stated that the CFA has made it clear what they mean when they refer to militarized police. Corporal Verhulst reminded the group that the Police Department's power is given to them by the Penal Code and a very important requirement regarding Police Officers in the Penal Code is that a Police Officer must be immediately recognizable as such. Calli brought up the discussion again regarding load bearing vests and how they might look to students, faculty, etc. Chief Aguirre suggested explaining to the CFA and student organizations why certain equipment is necessary and the benefits of one style vest to another. Christie suggested having a student try on a load bearing vest and also a regular duty belt to see the difference.

Policy Review

No updates to report. Christie stated she is happy to stay on the group with the Chief and Corporal Verhulst. Janette asked to be part of the subcommittee. The CSU has decided to adopt a number of statewide policies which have been formulated by Lexipol. CSUF will be transitioning the majority of its existing policies to Lexipol and those that don't exist in Lexipol will be kept for CSUF PD. The Chief would like members of the group to meet at a separate meeting regarding the policies. The Chief stated he is still going through the current policies CSUF will be keeping.

Campus Communities CSUF PD Perceptions

Christie gave an update regarding the survey. Group has met with Chief Aguirre to get a better understanding of what information is needed to be pulled from this survey. Christie stated the survey will be sent out the 2nd week of the Spring semester, which will allow for the proper amount of time to complete the survey and to see if "negativity" of current issues may be better. The survey is going out to all faculty and staff and a 20% random sample of students will be selected to take the survey, instead of inviting all faculty, staff, and students to participate in order to avoid "survey fatigue." The results will be given to SSRC to compile a report regarding where the trends are and which areas need to be cause for concern. This report/data should be completed by March 2021.

Informing Campus Community about CSUF PD

T.O. asked Vincent Vigil to give the group an update regarding the UPD Liaison Program within Student Affairs. Vincent explained the need to integrate officers with students. This is an important step to make sure Officers are aware of the different aspects of student life, activities, etc., and will allow officers to see students from a different perspective. Vincent shared a Power Point presentation regarding the effort by UPD and the Student Affairs Work group. The goal of this group is to educate the UPD about students and educate the students about the UPD, with an end goal of helping the students know the officers on a more personal level. This venture will include training and orientation sections. There will also be an evaluation by students and officers of the liaison program. This program has not started yet, but hopes are to pilot it in the Spring semester with 5 departments, Housing, Veterans Center, Women and Adult Re-Entry Center, Fraternity and Sorority Life, and one more group to still be determined. The idea and the presentation received positive comments from the group and all agreed it should move forward. Christie asked if there will be more Game Changer events. The Chief explained there are no new events scheduled for 2021, and at the last event in December, there were challenges with cost and lack of community participation. Christie suggested recreating Game Changer with University personnel which would alleviate the cost issue. Calli reminded the group that the success of Game Changer in large part has to do with the strength/personality of the current moderator.

Miscellaneous Items

Calli asked everyone to put their updates regarding sub-committees in the form she provided. Janette asked to be added to the Sub-Committee Campus Communities Perceptions of CSUF UPD. Chief Aguirre asked the board if they are open to having a guest speaker familiar with managing a Chief's Advisory Board at the next meeting, everyone agreed this is a good idea.

Adjournment

Calli asked the board if there were any more items to discuss, board agreed there weren't any. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.