

## **Advisory Board Minutes**

**February 25, 2021**

### **Present**

Chief Aguirre, Calli Lewis Chiu, Tonantzin Oseguera, Marcus Reveles, G. Chris Brown, Christie Gardiner, Matthew Verhulst, Janette Hyder, and guest speaker Chief Matthew Carmichael.

### **Approval of December 14, 2020, Minutes**

Motion by Tonantzin to approve the minutes of December 14, 2020. Motion seconded by Christie. Minutes approved.

### **New Business**

Calli informed the board LaTosha Traylor resigned. The board members were originally appointed by the Academic Senate. Calli reached out to Steve for a recommendation on to fill LaTosha's spot, but has not heard back. Tonantzin suggested recommending Alexandro Gradilla to the Senate to replace LaTosha. Tonantzin reminded members to keep in mind the importance of diversity of the board including race and positions. The President's office suggested having someone from DIEP group. Chief suggested contacting Dr. Forgues or Bobbi Porter and have them suggest someone for the board. G. Chris Brown states the board needs to replace a faculty representative with a faculty representative and then can possibly add an additional member so can have someone from DIEP be part of the board.

Chief introduced Chief Carmichael from the University of Oregon, Police Department. The Chief invited Chief Carmichael to the meeting to share his experiences with his Advisory Board at the University of Oregon.

Chief Carmichael stated he has taken the position that it's not up to him on whether or not the University Police Department remains or if a decision is made to "disarm" the University Police Department. Chief Carmichael stated that these decisions are up to the President of the University and he does not feel it is his board's responsibility to state what their opinions are regarding these matters. Chief Carmichael meets with faculty, staff and student groups on a regular basis and tries to educate them regarding the consequences of not having a Police Department on campus and the potential problems that might occur if the police were disarmed. Suggested the board should have a clear understanding of what the Police Department does and also the how and why of their actions. Chief Carmichael felt the listening and sharing tours is a good idea not only for officers, but also staff, faculty and students. Chief Carmichael reiterated how much the University would lose by contracting out to a city department for police services. He stated by the University having their own Police Department, they have a stake in the success or failure of its officers, and the Police Department in turn, feels like part of the University's community. Chief Carmichael didn't say a city department couldn't do the job, but he didn't feel the level of service would be there. Chief Carmichael stated the importance of educating the campus community about the Police Department and also said to make sure the campus community knows the Chief's Advisory Board exists and why. He said to remember the University is a "global" community. Chief Carmichael suggested doing a website solely for the Chief's Advisory Board. The website could have things like "Meet Officer Jones," have info about the board members, meeting dates, meeting minutes, updates on issues discussed, etc. Chief Carmichael told the board that Chief Aguirre is an exception as far as Police Chiefs are concerned, in that he is very open minded and willing to hear other's ideas, Chief Carmichael stated CSUF is lucky to have Chief Aguirre for their Police Chief. Chief Carmichael then opened it up to questions from the Board.

Chief Aguirre reminded the group that the board is an independent body and the Chief does not control the board. The purpose of the board is to "advise" the Chief. Chief Aguirre stated he would like Calli to take a more prominent role in relaying to outside groups what the board is doing and accomplishing. Chief suggested board members participate as part of the listening and sharing tour. Chief Aguirre met with the PD's web team and asked them to design a web page

specifically for CAB, the Chief will also be reaching out to the University's IT to help with the design. Chief suggested the board might want to discuss having mental health professionals respond to non-life threatening calls as a policy recommendation. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) has stated they want police to respond to these calls, Chief said there should be a discussion on the best way to handle.

Tonantzin asked everyone to send their recommendations of ideas they would like the Police Department to consider directly to her and she will compile them in a document Calli can use to give to the President if needed. These recommendations can be discussed at the next board meeting.

Chief again stated President Virjee wants a monthly report on what the board has done, etc. Information needs to be provided to the President each month.

G. Chris Brown wanted to make clear that the Advisory Board may feel constrained by having to report directly to the President every month. G. Chris Brown suggested the Chief communicate what the Board is doing to the President. Chief Aguirre stated it is important for the board to talk to the President about not feeling comfortable reporting directly to him.

#### Campus Communities CSUF PD Perceptions

Christie talked about the progress of the survey and who it was sent out to and stated there was also an anonymous link sent out for the survey. Access to the survey will end on Sunday. Christie emphasized the importance of everyone on the Board completing the survey and also having the employees who work for them complete the survey. Information from the survey should be available by the end of March. Christie is interested in how the data will be perceived. Christie stated the results from her other research shows that the public's perception of the police is lower than expected. Also, the CRJU-415 student report to CAB shows that most students haven't had contact with CSUFPD officers so doing engaging events when students return is going to be really important. Need to have the campus police be leaders.

#### Miscellaneous Items

In an effort to get to know the Police Department better, Chief Aguirre will send an invitation out to all board members to setup a tour of the Department. If anyone doesn't feel comfortable coming to the Department because of COVID, it's completely understandable. Chief would also like to have the board members use the simulator. Chief will send out an email reminder.

#### **Adjournment**

Calli asked the board if there were any more items to discuss, board agreed there weren't any. Calli made a motion to end the meeting. G. Chris Brown seconded the motion, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.