



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2024

11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Zoom

Committee Members Present: Joel Peterson, John Parker, Daniel Gonzalez (proxy for Majeda Nasrawi), Jack Beresford, Darius Spearman, Caitlin Tiffany, Jessica Varnado-Swall, Anna Liza Manzo, Joseph Ramos, Nancy Schumaker, Patrick Velasquez, Aimee Gallagher

Committee Members Absent: Nadia Sayeh, Stacy Surwilo, Kimberly Palek, Neill Kovrig, Adriana Dos Santos, Saigel Ghotra, Miski Abdi, Ixchel Diaz, Aaron Burgess

Guests: Chancellor Greg Smith, Bailey Kohnen

Meeting commenced at 11:05 am

VP Parker asked if there were any changes to the agenda as presented, there were none. Quorum was not present to approve the minutes from February 8, 2024.

VP Parker recommended tabling agenda item 5 until this committee could invite Chief Ramos and the Police Department to share a presentation they are working on to present to the Board.

Bailey Kohnen introduced himself as a student at City College and was present today as a member of the press on behalf of City Times. VC Peterson clarified that this committee is not a Brown Act committee and emphasized that this is a Chancellor's Office committee where members can confidentially discuss concerns. VC Peterson deferred to the committee to determine if they are comfortable with an official member of the press in attendance and should have an opportunity to approve presence of the press beforehand. Bailey confirmed that he was attending as a member of the press and the committee agreed to take an electronic vote prior to the next meeting to determine if there is any opposition to press attending a meeting. Bailey left the meeting.

VC Peterson confirmed that Chief Ramos and the Police Department were asked to prepare a presentation to articulate their recommendation regarding TASERS to be shared at a later date with this committee and then to the Board.

Chancellor Smith clarified that he would like to receive a clear recommendation from this committee based on their research and deliberations for one or both of the positions below, which will guide the Board's decision:

- Expressing support of or opposition to The Resolution to Stop the Distribution of Conducted Energy Devices (aka TASERS) submitted by the City College Academic Senate;
- A direct statement that upon the conclusion of the research conducted, this committee is making a recommendation that the District should or should not deploy TASERS;

Alternatively, in the event this committee is unable to reach consensus:

- A direct statement that upon the conclusion of the research conducted, this committee has not reached consensus and does not adopt any position regarding the deployment of TASERS.

VP Parker affirmed that this discussion would continue after the Police Department shares their presentation including its recommendation with this committee.

Chief Ramos shared updates on notable police investigations, incident calls and trainings. During the month of February, the police department received 671 calls for service to the communication center. Officers conducted 2,035 security checks (181 intrusion alarms). They assisted with 64 staff and student assists including escorts, doors, vehicle assistance, and 5 classroom call box responses. They conducted 60 crime and or arrest reports including 6 misdemeanors, 4 felonies, 27 citations, and facilitated 1 protective custody for mental health evaluations. He shared that the department assisted Mesa College students during opening week of the semester with directions and parking information. Notable incidents include an arrest of an individual in possession of a knife at City College; a student reported hate crime including anti-Semitic writing at Mesa College. Officers met with a student requesting to report a sexual assault that occurred away from district property and subsequently provided with appropriate referrals and resources. A student was approached and struck by an unknown male on campus that later resulted in arrest; and, an unknown male was arrested while in the process of burglarizing athletic equipment. Recent community involvement included a well-received Campus Safety Seminar presented to Mesa College and security provided for an event at Miramar College.

Chancellor Smith addressed the committee to clarify the student complaint process. He explained that the district uses an online reporting system called Maxient and they are building workflows with the intent of student complaints initially reviewed by Student Services. Student Services will review the student complaint and route it to the appropriate person at a college campus or the district office. They are still working on the system implementation. With regards to the process of handling complaints against peace officers, the HR department will investigate any potential policy violations while internal affairs deals with legal matters. The process may involve concurrent reviews. Chancellor Smith stated that the deployment of Maxient was delayed due to part of a reorganization in 2022 but they are getting back on track. Aimee confirmed that they are nearing completion of ensuring all Title IX complaints route strictly to HR and can quickly implement an additional routing structure for student complaints. She stressed the importance of maintaining officers' rights under the law. Chancellor Smith confirmed that the police department does not maintain the online system for students filing a complaint. Students will not have to interact with any member of the police department in order to file a complaint, or when seeking assistance to file a complaint in a student service office or the District office.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am