



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

College Police Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2024

2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom

Committee Members Present: Joel Peterson, John Parker, Majeda Nasrawi, Nadia Sayeh, Darius Spearman, Stacy Surwilo, Kimberly Palek, Anna Liza Manzo, Neill Kovrig, Miski Abdi, Ixchel Diaz, Joseph Ramos, Nancy Schumaker, Aimee Gallagher

Committee Members Absent: Jack Beresford, Caitlin Tiffany, Jessica Varnado-Swall, Adriana Dos Santos, Saigel Ghotra, Patrick Velasquez, Aaron Burgess

Meeting commenced at 2:01 pm

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

VP Parker asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 8, 2024 and March 8, 2024; both were approved with majority consent as presented, Neill abstained from approval of March 8.

VP Parker clarified that after full review of the bylaws, press is not able to attend the PAC meetings.

Chief Ramos shared updates on notable police investigations, incident calls and trainings. During the month of March, the police department received 657 calls for service to the communication center. Officers conducted 2,035 security checks (201 intrusion alarms). They assisted with 60 staff and student assists including escorts, doors, vehicle assistance, and 13 classroom call box responses. They conducted 98 crime and or arrest reports including 8 misdemeanors, 10 felonies, 25 citations, and facilitated 5 protective custody for mental health evaluations. He shared that Miramar has experienced high bike thefts so they issued a crime alert and focusing efforts on the area. Noteworthy incidents included a recent altercation involving a student and rideshare driver; a subject being restrained by 2 individuals that resulted in a mental health referral; support at Mesa during an Academic Senate meeting; a suspicious subject reported for loitering at Miramar that resulted in an officer being physically struck numerous times. Recent community involvement included participation in a job fair at Mesa; and, support of the recent San Diego School Thread Assessment Conference by referring student services, mental health and behavior health representatives from our district to participate.

The committee discussed at length the recommendation regarding the Resolution Calling for an Independent Process for Student Complaints Against SDCCD Police Harassment, Abuse, or Misconduct read May 8, 2023 and May 22, 2023; and concluded with voting to not take any position regarding the Resolution. Neill motioned to take no position on the Resolution as presented; Nancy seconded the motion. Majority of the members voted aye, Darius opposed.

The motion carries, the SDCCD Police Advisory Committee does not take any position on the Resolution Calling for an Independent Process for Student Complaints Against SDCCD Police Harassment, Abuse, or Misconduct.

Nancy inquired about prior proposed changes to Title 5 in regards to community college public safety and inquired if Maxient was in response to the requirements. VC Peterson clarified that the program was not implemented as a direct response to changes in Title 5 but was part of a system that had been in place as part of the process for students and community to be able to submit complaints or address concerns regarding student services more broadly.

VP Parker clarified the PAC membership details per the bylaws, including term lengths for members and officers, and the process for electing officers to open up discussion and consideration election of officers for the next academic year. VC Peterson suggested a membership map identifying the various constituent groups. He also clarified that SDCCD consulted with general counsel prior to forming the committee who would be ex officio non-voting members. Each constituency group will continue to appoint members by campus so that each group has committee representation. It was determined that this committee will soon be approaching the two (2) year timeframe for new membership. No further action discussed during this meeting.

The committee discussed meeting during the summer after the May 10 meeting. The committee considered meeting during the summer to determine its recommendation on the Resolution to Stop the Distribution of Conducted Energy Devices (Tasers). VP Parker proposed waiting until the police department shares its board presentation with the committee before making recommendation. Chief Ramos stated that he is hopeful to be able to deploy the Tasers purchased two years ago, by the approval of the prior Chancellor. The committee agreed to add the Tasers to the May agenda for continued discussion.

VP Parker addressed the meeting frequency according to the bylaws and asked the committee to consider if they want to continue meeting monthly or quarterly in the future; no further action or discussion at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm