# **POLICE AND CAMPUS SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

# **MINUTES**

# **September 12, 2022**

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| Committee Members  X = In attendance | | | | | |
| X | Chief Mike Williams | X | Sergeant Brian Owen | X | Patricia Montoya |
| X | Kristina Allende | X | Melissa Cunningham | X | Marlene Espina |
| X | Malia Flood |  | Brigitte Hebert | X | Aubrey Kellum (guest) |
| X | Lesley Johnson | X | Koji Uesugi | X | Stephanie Bolechowski  (P&CS Admin Spec.IV) |
| X | Scott Neighbor | X | Michelle Shear |  |  |
| X | Sayeed Wadud |  | Jill Dolan |  |  |

1. Discussion of Title 5 Campus Climate & Public Safety

(Body Worn Cameras) - Chief Williams

* 1. City of Rialto PD; negative encounters with the community
     1. Shootings
     2. Personnel complaints
     3. A scientific study of wearing BWC revealed a substantial decrease in the use of force.
     4. Initially, the Police officers' unions had a level of uncomfortableness with BWC.
     5. After reviewing footage of the cameras, it was no longer viewed as a negative by many officers.
  2. Challenges: the footage does not show the entire picture because there is no 3D view.
  3. 2020/2021 – chancellor's office looked at Title 5 to add verbiage for better use of service.
     1. When Chief Williams came to Mt. SAC in 2018, a Board member inquired about BWC.
     2. BWC is a great tool, but there needs to be a reason to use them due to the expense.

1. Discussion to take place as a committee and go to the Board. Chief Williams is asking for everyone's input.

Questions/Comments:

* + - 1. Michelle – BWC only for sworn officers?
         1. Chief: Yes
      2. Scott – Does authorization from the recording parties apply to a public situation?
         1. Chief: Audio recording requires two-party permission, except for Law Enforcement while on duty.
      3. Michelle – most interaction is with non-sworn officers.
      4. Michelle – some faculty do not want cameras on campus
      5. Kristina – proposed revisions signed into law?
         1. Chief: will be based upon the recommendation by the P&CS Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees.
      6. Sayeed – How many Police Officers are to be hired?
         1. Chief: we are authorized to hire three police officers.
      7. Scott – before we can hire police officers (classified employees?), are they approved to carry a firearm?
         1. Chief: that is up to the President.
      8. Scott – Is there a change in the work environment?
         1. Chief: no, there is a law in the Ed code that says the President of the College can authorize who can carry a firearm.
      9. Marlene – speaking for CSEA; We would need a meeting to confer on firearms.
         1. Chief: No, the President ONLY has that authority.
      10. Chief – PSO's can carry a firearm if the President allows them to do so.
      11. Sayeed – body cameras can be decisive on what occurred during a situation.
      12. Lesley – asked about the cost of BWC.
          1. Chief: Aubrey did a study; a few hundred thousand dollars, as well as ongoing costs to keep the data held for several years.
      13. Chief does not like the idea of giving up control of data to another agency – entering into a storage agreement with LASD.
      14. Missy – asked where the information on cost was obtained.
          1. Aubrey collected the information from vendors.
          2. Missy said Chaffey College's cost is only $1,000 per unit, including storage.
          3. Chief said they might be part of the City of Rancho Cucamonga Sheriff's Department program.
      15. Non-sworn officers would not be wearing BWC.
      16. Missy – 59703-C = "Shall," not a recommendation by the committee.
          1. Chief: Ed Code is the overriding authority, not Title 5. It is a recommendation to the Board only. It is not mandatory.
      17. Missy – 51028 first paragraph = Funding?
          1. Chief: it is the Ed Code that mandates. Standards and Recommendations that the committee will propose.
      18. Decide whether we can or cannot violate Title 5. As a committee, decide BWC.
          1. Chief: again, it is not mandatory.
      19. Kristina – inclined to support having BWC based on Title 5
      20. Missy – would agree BWC, helps officers and provides transparency.
      21. Sayeed – agreed
      22. Lesley – agreed possible funding
      23. Michelle – agreed, feels the campus community would support more officers if they worn cameras.
      24. Malia – agrees
      25. Scott – agrees when police officers are employed.
      26. Koji – supports BWC
      27. Marlene – in support of BWC if/and when sworn police officers are hired.
      28. Patricia – supports BWC
      29. Sgt. Owen – in favor of BWC, also has to look at other than best practices. He has reviewed hundreds of body cam footage. He doesn't feel the need based upon cost-effectiveness and need because we are completely different from a municipal agency, and the use of force situations are so few and far between.
      30. Chief has never been in favor of adopting a technology “just because.”

All committee members present support Body Worn Cameras.

The final inspection by POST is scheduled for tomorrow, 9/13/2022.

The next meeting is on October 10, 2022.