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College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2024 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom

Committee Members Present: John Parker, Jack Beresford, Nadia Sayeh, Darius Spearman, Valerie Pallares, Kimberly Palek, Majeda Nasrawi, Trenton Romero, Xtopher Ruiz, Joseph Ramos, Nancy Schumaker, Jared Burns

Committee Members Absent: Joel Peterson, Steve Major, Anna Liza Manzo, Alex Acevedo, Jazz Koehler, Angel Wilson, Zora Williams, Haydee Zuniga, Patrick Velasquez

Meeting commenced at 2:03 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 November 7, 2024, approved with unanimous consent as distributed.

Chief Ramos shared updates on notable police investigations, incident calls and trainings. During the month of November, the police department received 592 calls for service to the Dispatch Center. Officers conducted 1,154 security checks (198 intrusion alarms). They assisted with 39 staff and student assists including escorts, doors, vehicle assistance, and 9 classroom call box responses. They conducted 55 crime and or arrest reports including 6 misdemeanors, 4 felonies, 5 citations, and facilitated 2 protective custody for mental health evaluations. Noteworthy incidents for November included response to a report of a former employee in violation of a restraining order; response to a domestic violence incident reported at ECC involving individuals staying on the campus; an arrest of an individual in possession of weapons wanted on an outstanding warrant and a separate indecent exposure reported at City. Campus and community involvement in November included ALICE trainings at Mesa and West City; Coffee with a Cop at CE and Miramar; and assistance with fire drills at Mesa and Miramar. November was a busy month for officer trainings and campus trainings. Officers and supervisors participated in the San Diego Regional Leadership Institute training; lieutenants attended a management training course for command staff; all officers are participating in an 18-month cycle advanced officer training; and the district provided Title IX training.

VP Parker stated that the committee would take action to determine its position on the Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs). Chief Ramos reiterated that he is asking for support of CEDs to provide officers with protection in a way to minimize damage to a suspect and out of liability concerns to the district. The committee recapped their prior review of information and research conducted, providing individual positions on the use of CEDs. Darius raised objection to the Chief's reasons for needing for the CEDs by addressing the competing sets of information reviewed. He expressed that the reasons for acquiring CEDs was not supported by the academic research studies reviewed by the subcommittee; and, the report used to support the justifications was not based on a consensus of data but relied heavily on information gathered from law enforcement and taser manufacturers, which the subcommittee was explicitly set up to avoid.

VP Parker asked for a motion to vote on the committee's position to be presented to the Chancellor's office. Nancy motioned to vote and Darius seconded the motion.

Nine (9) voting committee members were present at the time of the vote below:

8 - In support of CEDs

1 - Not in support of CEDs

0 - No position

VP Parker will forward the committee's majority vote in support of CEDs to the Chancellor's office.

Chief Ramos provided a current update on the district's on-campus officer attire pilot program. He explained that there had been prior conversations about our officers appearing less intimidating on campuses. The police department previously selected some polo shirts that could work with vests and the styles were presented to this committee but the topic had been tabled until today. He emphasized the importance of looking like police officers to reduce potential resistance and the logistics of wearing a vest while carrying all of their equipment. Some of the bicycle officers have been wearing polo shirts and there has not been any feedback. The Campus Service Officers (CSOs) currently wear a different colored uniform but we could explore having them wear identifying polo shirts. The discussion segued into the upcoming launch of a cadet program and having the cadets wear identifying polo shirts with slacks.

Chief Ramos shared that there was a meeting with VC Burns to discuss utilizing some existing NANCE positions, as a cost neutral program, to develop a cadet training program beginning with walking the campuses, reporting crimes, providing escorts and eventually light traffic enforcement if needed. The goal is to have cadets in the program for 1 to 2 years with a maximum of 4 years to coincide with our four-year degree programs. The senior cadets would in turn work with training new cadets in an ongoing effort to increase police visibility on the campuses while lightening some responsibilities from our officers.

VP Parker and Chief Ramos discussed police department coverage over the weekends, during games and events. Chief Ramos confirmed that if any campus wants extra security for games or special events to request in advance and exclusive officer coverage would be assigned. He reminded everyone that Dispatch is available 24 hours daily.

VC Peterson was not available to provide any current updates on the mental health professionals draft job description.

VP Parker reminded the committee that the next meeting will be February 6, 2025. The meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.