



University of California, Riverside  
Campus Safety Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2020, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Minutes**

Participants: Chair Jack Clarke, Tom Smith, Brian Haynes, Mariam Lam, Jason Stajich, Dennis McIver, Michelle Burroughs, Alton Carswell, Kim Overdyck, John Freese, Wade Stern, Luis Huerta, Angelica Garcia, Judit Palencia Gutierrez, Nichi Yes, Judge Jorge Hernandez, Keona Henderson, Bert Wright

Non-members: Kim Wilcox, Christine Victorino, David Bergquist, Gerry Bomotti, Megan Johnson

- Roll call of the Task Force by Christine Victorino
- Chair Jack Clarke provided an overview of his vision for the Task Force. The Chair asked for introductions and goals from the Task Force members. Feedback from the Task Force:
  - Ensure community voice are heard
  - Ensure student voices are heard
  - Create partnership with officers
  - Provide action items and recommendations
- The Chancellor provided the Charge to the Task Force.
- Interim Chief of Police John Freese and Vice Chancellor Gerry Bomotti provided a briefing of the UCR Police Department. Following the briefing, there was a Q&A session with John and Gerry. Topics addressed included:
  - Diversity of the UCR police force and recruitment strategies
  - Backgrounds of UCR police officers (John and Wade will gather data)
  - Police interactions with students and community members
  - Concerns that have been raised with regard to the UCRPD by the student community
  - Outreach and engagement with students
  - Hiring of new officers/cadets
  - Potential for Town Halls every quarter in partnership with African Student Programs and the Black Alumni Chapter (Keona offered to coordinate)
- The Task Force agreed to a goal deadline of Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, after a total of eight meetings, to complete a report.

- Priorities and issues to address at future meetings:
  - Mental Health and Bias trainings
  - De-escalation trainings
  - Diversity in all contexts within UCRPD
  - Addressing systemic racism
  - Police uniform/dress and the need to carry weapons
  - Student Patrols vs Officer Patrols
  - Restorative justice programs
  - At least one meeting devoted to the student voice
  
- The Task Force discussed the timeline for the meetings. The second meeting will include student speakers (those who prepared demand letter to Chancellor Wilcox) and the third meeting will be a community and student forum. The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> meetings will continue to address the above topics.
  
- To provide transparency, a website will be created to post materials and minutes after each meeting so that they are available to the public. Suggestions from the Task Force include providing a link for comments and questions, and connecting through social media.
  - Per Angelica Garcia, ACUCR's Marketing Director can create graphics or infographics directing students to the link where students can submit questions.
  - Per Nichi Yes, GSA will send an email to grad students and post to social media, sharing the information and encouraging engagement.
  
- Kim Overdyck provided the following information: Effective January 1, 2021 - AB 846 expands the minimum standards for peace officers to include that the officer is free from protected- status bias. Requires law enforcement agencies to review and amend peace officer job descriptions to emphasize community-based policing. <https://www.lcwlegal.com/news/peace-officer-qualifications>
  
- For the next meeting, the Chair recommends a 10-minute student presentation, and a 10-minute overview/discussion on mental health and implicit bias training.
  
- The Chair provided a suggestion for the first Task Force recommendation:
  - There are currently six vacancies within UCRPD. Can some or all of these positions be considered for people trained in dealing with mental health crises? i.e. certified Social Workers, MFTs, etc.
  - Gerry Bomotti notes the budget considerations with regard to filling these positions.
  - Call to Task Force to submit additional recommendations.
  
- Christine and Megan will organize the Shared drive according to each week's meetings. Once the meeting minutes are agreed to, they will be posted publicly. The Task Force's recommendations will be noted for the final report. A document will be created within the Shared drive for post-meeting notes and reflections.