



University of California, Riverside  
Campus Safety Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
October 29, 2020, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

Participants: Chair Jack Clarke, Tom Smith, Brian Haynes, Tasha Hudson (for Mariam Lam), Dennis McIver, Michelle Burroughs, Alton Carswell, Kim Overdyck, John Freese, Wade Stern, Sharon Oselin, Luis Huerta, Angelica Garcia, Judit Palencia Gutierrez, Nichi Yes, Keona Henderson, Bert Wright

Non-member participants: Christine Victorino, David Bergquist, Megan Johnson, Blanca Alba

Guests: Christine Mata, Yvonne Marquez, Vincent Rasso (student presenter) Naomi Waters (student presenter), Jordan Edwards (student presenter)

- Christine Victorino began the meeting with a welcome and introduction of new member Sharon Oselin, guests, and student speakers.
- Motion to Approve Minutes from 10/14/2020 meeting by Task Force Chair Jack Clarke; The Motion was approved by the Task Force.
- Dr. Haynes and Dr. Mata provided preamble and opening remarks for student speakers.
- Vincent Rasso addressed the Student's Call to Action. Vincent discussed the impact on students and the student's stance on racial injustice and policing issues. Vincent noted the importance of accessibility and the resources available to students.
  - Christine Victorino shared the following document in regard to Vincent's remarks:  
<https://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2016/06/27/1-demographic-trends-and-economic-well-being/>
- Naomi Waters addressed the Student's Call to Action; Naomi urged the Task Force to consider the 2011 UC Davis events and 2012 UC Riverside events. Naomi also urged the committee to make information accessible to students.
  - Chair Jack Clarke asked that data or information for Task Force consideration be shared; any data or information can be emailed to Jack Clarke, Christine Victorino or David Bergquist.
- Chair Jack Clarke moves to address the list of proposed Task Force Recommendations:

- Professor Sharon Oselin brought forth the recommendation to use funding for trained mental health professionals to liaison with UCPD. In this respect, Sharon recommended the following book to the Task Force:
  - "Down, Out and Under Arrest" by Forrest Stuart, 2016. *Chapter 2 provides good insight into "therapeutic policing"*
- Proposed Recommendation: Annual UCPD town hall with the UCR community
  - Interim Chief John Freese proposed weekly student engagement opportunities which would include zoom office hours with UCPD.
  - Jordan Edwards suggested weekly office hours as the best way to directly engage with students and provide an open line of communication; Jordan felt that students would not be receptive to a town hall.
  - Bert Wright suggested a quarterly meet and greet for students with UCPD, RPD or other law enforcement officials.
  - Nichi Yes recommended that office hours be publicly available to students via zoom. Nichi noted these must be well advertised to students.
  - Consensus by the Task Force is to recommend a combination of Town Halls for the campus and standing "office hours" with UCPD for students; This recommendation will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Proposed Recommendation: Develop a UCPD statement on social justice and/or systemic racism, along with accountability measures
  - This statement would be added to UCPD's mission statement and website.
  - Dennis McIver and Jack Clarke suggested amending this recommendation to address accountability measures.
  - This recommendation will be reviewed at the next meeting
- Proposed Recommendation: Review activities that could help narrow UCPD's purview, e.g., live scan fingerprinting, lost and found, Clery Act training
  - John Freese noted that there is currently a discussion to create a Community Engagement Center within student housing
- Proposed Recommendation: Add break-ins to campus safety alerts (suggestion by GSA)
  - Ongoing discussion for the Task Force; Clery reporting clarifications are needed
- Proposed Recommendation: Improve outreach to increase diversity and retention
  - For review at next meeting, pending additional research
- Proposed Recommendation: Unpack and critically investigate what is meant by "criminal behavior"
  - Jack Clarke suggested adding lethal force issues, wearing of bullet-proof vests to this discussion.
  - Plan for deeper dive at next meeting (following Student Forum); Task Force members, please contribute materials to share.