



# PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSAC)

2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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# MESSAGE FROM CFO AND VICE CHANCELLOR

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) emerged from recommendations by an ad hoc Academic Senate committee that reviewed best practices of community engagement by public safety departments on university campuses and feedback provided by members of our campus community.

Formally established in February of 2018, PSAC proactively seeks advice and counsel from a diverse group of community members regarding issues that affect the safety and quality of life for students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the UCI campus and medical center.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Carroll Seron who served as the inaugural chair for the Public Safety Advisory Committee. Thank you to the PSAC members for providing thoughtful conversation, insight, and recommendations as we continue to work together to ensure a safe, welcoming, and open environment for all members of the UCI community.



Sincerely,

**Ronald S. Cortez**

Chief Financial Officer

Vice Chancellor, Division of Finance and Administration

## MESSAGE FROM PSAC CHAIR

It is an honor to serve as the first chair of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, along with my dedicated colleagues from all corners of our campus community. During this inaugural year, the committee focused our efforts on listening to campus stakeholders and members of the UCIPD to better understand the landscape of the community.

One of the meetings hosted a listening session with UCIPD officers with the goal for PSAC members to better understand the officer's daily job and the challenges they encounter in the field.

Our fall initiative is to assess UCIPD procedures for managing complaints of alleged misconduct and to assess UCIPD's outreach efforts to build positive police-community relations. Please do not hesitate to submit any comments or questions to [psac@uci.edu](mailto:psac@uci.edu).



Sincerely,

**Carroll Seron**

PSAC Chair

Professor Emerita, School of Social Ecology

## BACKGROUND

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) was created in thanks to recommendations put forward by then Academic Senate Chair William Parker in June 2017. The Senate Cabinet endorsed recommendations from the report produced by the ad hoc UCIPD-UCI Community Relations Committee convened by the Academic Senate in Fall Quarter 2016.

## DESCRIPTION AND CHARGE

The Public Safety Advisory Committee proactively seeks the advice and counsel from a diverse group of community members regarding issues that impact the safety and quality of life of students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the UCI campus and Medical Center.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee serves as a link between the campus community and the UCI Police Department. PSAC provides a forum to discuss and make recommendations on public policies, community outreach, and may participate on hiring panels for key UCI Police Department personnel. The advisory committee produces an annual report which summarizes its activities and includes key data of interest to the campus community, including the number and types of complaints the UCI Police Department receives.

# 2018 MEMBERSHIP

The Public Safety Advisory Committee members represent the diversity of campus stakeholders, including students, faculty and staff of UCI. Members are appointed by the CFO and Vice Chancellor of the Division of Finance and Administration from nominations provided by representative groups.

## **Committee Chair**

Carroll Seron – Professor, UCI School of Social Ecology

## **Committee Members**

Adisa Ajamu – Director, UCI Center for Black Cultures, Resources, and Research

Karen Andrews – Director, UCI Disability Resources Center

Davidian Bishop – Director, UCI LGBT Resource Center

Gwen Black – Senior Associate Director, UCI Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Connor Strobel – Vice President of Internal Affairs, UCI Associated Graduate Students

Joe Brothman – Director, EH&S, UCI Medical Center

Paul Cooper – Assistant Chief of Police, UCI Police Department (ex officio member)

Olga Dunaevsky – Senior Financial Analyst, UCI Henry Samueli School of Engineering

Merielle Macaraeg – Campus Climate Commission, Associated Students - UCI

Jim Meeker – Professor Emeritus, UCI School of Social Ecology

Megan Morrison – Residence Life Coordinator, UCI Housing

Hobart Taylor – Co-Chair, Homeowner Representative Board (HRB), University Hills

Oscar Teran – Director, UCI Dreamers Resource Center

## **Committee Staff**

Mary Clark – Chief of Staff, UCI Division of Finance and Administration

# MEETING INFORMATION

## Meeting Summary – March 16, 2018

#	Agenda Topic	Presenter
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
2.	Purpose and Goals of Public Safety Advisory Committee	Ron Cortez, CFO and Vice Chancellor, Division of Finance and Admin. Jorge Cisneros, Chief of Police
3.	UCI Police Department and Community Engagement – discussion	Paul Cooper, Assistant Chief of Police
4.	Brainstorming of Agenda Topics for Upcoming Meetings – discussion	Professor Carroll Seron, PSAC Chair
5.	Planning for next meeting	Mary Clark, Chief of Staff, Division of Finance and Administration

### Attendees:

Carroll Seron  
Davidian Bishop  
Gwen Black  
Hobart Taylor  
Ingrid Fahr

Jim Meeker  
Joe Brothman  
Mary Clark  
Megan Morrison  
Merielle Macaraeg

Olga Dunaevsky  
Paul Cooper  
Mary Clark

CFO and Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez convened the first meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) with introductions and welcoming remarks. He provided an overview of PSAC's purpose and goals.

Assistant Chief of Police Paul Cooper provided an overview of community engagement programs, emphasizing the importance of partnership with the community and culture of sharing.

Chair Seron provided a background about the ad hoc Academic Senate committee meeting which led to the recommendation of establishing a committee, benchmarking data on similar UC committees, and procedure for filing complaints against UCIPD. She also led a discussion for future meeting agenda topics.

The next in-person meeting is scheduled for April 18 from 3:30 – 5 p.m.

## Meeting Summary – April 18, 2018

#	Agenda Topic	Presenter
1.	Vice Chancellor's Update	Ron Cortez, CFO and Vice Chancellor, Division of Finance and Administration
2.	Key Takeaways: <i>A Proposal for Improving UCIPD-UCI Community Relations</i>	Professor Carroll Seron, PSAC Chair
3.	Update on the Presidential Task Force on University-wide Policing	Professor Emeritus Ed Meeker
4.	Setting the agenda for the PSAC	Professor Carroll Seron, PSAC Chair

### Attendees:

Adisa Ajamu	Jim Meeker	Merielle Macaraeg
Carroll Seron	Joe Brothman	Oscar Teran
Connor Strobel	Karen Andrews	Paul Cooper
Gwen Black	Mary Clark	
Hobart Taylor	Megan Morrison	

CFO and Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez was appointed as a member of UCOP's Presidential Task Forces on Universitywide Policing along with Professor Jim Meeker and Chief of Police Jorge Cisneros. The goal of the Presidential Task Force is to review current practices and make recommendations on 1) how complaints are processed at UC Police Departments; 2) training and use of force; 3) strengthening community relations.

Chair Seron presented on the key takeaways from *A Proposal for Improving UCIPD-UCI Community Relations*. The ad hoc committee made five recommendations, three of which are: 1) a need to manage complaints about police misconduct; 2) community outreach events (town halls were suggested); 3) a survey to gauge campus climate with the goal of improving PD/community relations. Chief of Staff Mary Clark presented on changes that DFA has implemented to address the five recommendations:

- Revamped UCIPD's website to emphasize public safety mission, focusing on UCIPD, Medical Center Security Services and Emergency Management.
- Incorporated UCI's Public Safety quarterly magazine.
- UCIPD will seek accreditation from third party.
- Incorporated regular implicit bias training for members of UCIPD.
- Reporting data on "officer initiated activity" on a monthly basis and included on Public Safety website.



- Complaint form more visible and now available online. Users can select the on-line form or PDF version. Both allow for anonymous submissions.

Professor Meeker provided an update on the Presidential Task Force and shared his recommendations with the committee members.

Chair Seron distributed copies of the draft “Charge to the Public Safety Advisory Committee” and asked for input. In addition, she asked committee members about current issues on campus related to UCIPD.

The meeting closed by setting an agenda for the next meeting which is to take place on May 21.

### Meeting Summary – May 21, 2018

#	Agenda Topic	Presenter
1.	Vice Chancellor’s Update	Ron Cortez, CFO and Vice Chancellor, Division of Finance and Administration
2.	UCI Police Department Strategic Plan 2018-2020	Jorge Cisneros, Chief of Police
3.	Listening Session with UCI Police Officers	Sergeant Eladio Acuna Officer Benny Green Officer Michele Ramirez
4.	Overview of Community Engagement Efforts	Paul Cooper, Assistant Chief of Police
5.	Review of Current Community Complaint Procedure	Paul Cooper, Assistant Chief of Police

#### Attendees:

Adisa Ajamu  
Carroll Seron  
Connor Strobel  
Gwen Black

Jim Meeker  
Joe Brothman  
Karen Andrews  
Mary Clark

Megan Morrison  
Merielle Macaraeg  
Paul Cooper

CFO and Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez announced that UCOP’s Presidential Task Force on Universitywide Policing will meet on June 18 at UCI. He also announced the recruitment for a new Police Lieutenant and requested that members of PSAC to be part of the recruitment committee. The Division of Finance and Administration launched the **With U • For U** mobile app with a tile dedicated to safety.

Chief Cisneros distributed copies of UCI Public Safety Quarterly Connection newsletter (<http://www.police.uci.edu/connect/quarterly-newsletter/index.php>) and Strategic Plan 2018-2020.

Chief Cisneros introduced UCIPD officers for the listening session. Chair Seron explained the goal of the listening session is for PSAC members to better understand the officer's daily job and the challenges they encounter in the field. Sergeant Acuna closed the discussion and posed the following question: "What kind of police department do you want to have in your community?"

Content for agenda items, Overview of Community Engagement Efforts and Review of Current Community Complaint Procedure, was not available in time for the meeting and will be addressed at the next PSAC meeting.

# UCI POLICE DEPARTMENT DATA

## UCI Public Safety

2017

### COMMUNICATIONS

Dispatchers received  
**53,582**  
inbound  
**CALLS**  
(Campus & Med Center)

**97.3%**  
of 9-1-1 calls  
answered within  
**10**  
seconds



**6,412**  
9-1-1  
calls

### PATROL RESPONSES



**Police Officers**  
responded to  
**9,435**  
calls for service

**1,170** CRIME REPORTS  
out of  
**2,122** total reports

**Arrests**  
**42** felony  
**272** misdemeanor

**846** TOTAL citations

breakdown  
521 TRAFFIC  
194 ADMINISTRATIVE  
103 MISDEMEANOR  
28 OTHER



### TRAFFIC

Officers Initiated  
**3,355**  
traffic stops



Only **521** received a citation

**84%** DID NOT receive a citation  
TRUE SPIRIT OF THE LAW!

### SWORN PERSONNEL



**85%**  
of UCI Police Officers  
have a **Bachelors Degree or Higher**

**33%**  
are  
**UCI Grads**



**10%**  
of officers  
are  
**female**

### COMPLAINTS

**5** complaints  
out of  
**41,120**  
contacts for the **YEAR**



### SAFETY ESCORTS

Community Service  
Officers conducted  
**1,021**  
**Safety Escorts**



## UCI Police Department Complaint Data

Complaints result in an investigation, and complainants are notified of the disposition of the complaint. The conclusions of investigations are based upon a standard of proof that is clear and convincing evidence. The investigation report contains findings regarding each allegation. The possible findings are:

**Unfounded** – When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel. Complaints that are determined to be frivolous will be treated as unfounded (Code of Civil Procedure section 128.5 and Penal Code section 832.5(c)).

**Exonerated** – The evidence supports a finding that the alleged acts occurred; however, the conduct was justified, lawful, or proper.

**Not Sustained** – The evidence is insufficient to support a finding that the alleged conduct occurred or violated department policy or procedure.

**Sustained** – The evidence supports a finding that the alleged conduct occurred and that the conduct was improper (e.g., violated department policy or procedure).

Visit UCI Police Department webpages for links to forms and additional information on filing a commendation or complaint: [http://police.uci.edu/services/commendations\\_and\\_complaints/](http://police.uci.edu/services/commendations_and_complaints/)

## 2017 Complaint Data

Location	Complainant's Campus Affiliation	Allegation(s)	Status	Outcome
Main Campus	Student	Courtesy	Investigation complete	Sustained
Main Campus	Student	Courtesy & Performance	Investigation complete	Not Sustained & Unfounded
Main Campus	Visiting Faculty	Courtesy & Performance	Investigation complete	Not Sustained
Main Campus	Student	Courtesy & Performance	Investigation complete	Sustained
Main Campus	Non-Affiliate	Unlawful search & seizure	Investigation complete	Not Sustained & Unfounded
Med Center	Staff	Harassment	Referred to OEOD	Sustained

## 2018 Complaint Data\*

Location	Complainant's Campus Affiliation	Allegation(s)	Status	Outcome
Med Center	Non-Affiliate	Sexual Assault	Unable to complete investigation	N/A
Main Campus	Student	Conduct Unbecoming	Investigation complete	Referred to Orange Co. Fire Authority - Complaint determined to involve their personnel

*\*Data compiled through September 2018.*

## Officer-Initiated Contact Data

Officer-initiated activity is defined as vehicle stops for traffic violations, bicycle stops for safety violations, and stops of individuals who are suspected of being involved in criminal activity.

Reports are available at the following link: <http://police.uci.edu/police/officer-contact-data/index.php>



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