



## Campus Police Advisory Committee MINUTES

November 04, 2004

A meeting of the Palomar College Police Advisory Committee was held on November 04, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., in room A4C.

Members Present: Newmyer, Cruz, Vafeados, Maher, Bean, Medel, Roberts, Cataline (ASG), Ward.

Members Absent: Vargas, Bishop, Naddi

### I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Joe Newmyer at 3:30 p.m. Members introduced themselves to the new ASG rep.

### II. **Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 16, 2004 meeting were approved.

### III. **Items for Discussion - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

None.

### IV. **Items for Discussion – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

#### a. Police Survey Update. (Bean)

Bean met again with Barton in Research and Planning. The committee's choices are to incorporate our survey in with R&P's survey in the spring or conduct one on our own but we could not utilize their support and would have to compile the statistics on our own. There was concern that our survey would have to be condensed if included in the larger one but after studying the questions we have developed, it was decided that we could eliminate the demographic questions and not have to lose any pertinent questions.

Committee also discussed the importance of knowing what information we want to gather from the survey. The survey needs to take a pulse of the college (Students and staff) and how they are being served by the Police Dept. in addition to finding out the perception of the P.D.

Motion (Bean) to take the current questions and refine them and work with R & P for the spring survey. 2<sup>nd</sup> (Maher). The questions will be sent out with the next agenda and will be modified if necessary.

#### b. Update from ASG on request to increase semester permits to \$40 per semester. (Cataline)

Cruz and Ward presented this request and budget information to ASG. This is still in discussion in ASG and a decision will be made next week. ASG rep states the group is leaning towards a \$2.50 increase over two semesters.

#### c. P.D. Webside suggestions. (Roberts)

Roberts states he sees no website improvement. He questions the crimes for September, arrests, 2003 crimes, info only, breakdown and our compliance with Clery. Vafeados and Cruz from P.D. explained the P.D. has submitted the Clery Report on Oct. 1 and met the deadline. The P.D. has sent a records employee to training for Clery and has had to compile information that was not kept according to requirements under previous administrations. The information is available on website (according to our web manager's interpretation of the Clery Act), and available in the

Police Department office. It was suggested that the 3 years of crime stats also be added to the schedule of classes.

Newmyer called for a meeting with Roberts, Randolph, Wind, Cruz, Vargas and Ward to discuss Clery requirements.

- d. Review current system of dealing with false alarms and 24/7 coverage by police officers. (Roberts).

Concerns were expressed that officers should be on duty 24/7 and not two at 6:30 a.m. Questions were presented of student CSO's responding to alarms and incidents without vests and not being able to encounter and engage—an officer could. P.D. official responded stating that the student CSO's are trained on what to do and how to respond mindful of their safety; there are more incidents of crimes during the day than in the middle of the night; Officers are on duty from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. A committee member offered that her son worked as a student CSO and he was very well trained and she never feared for his safety.

Newmyer stated that Safety and Security is going to be looking at the police department and the committee will wait to see what they come up with in their report.

**Other**

- a. Committee expressed concern over the fact that phones in Dispatch went down during the blackout emergency on campus. Safety and Security will again be looking at communications during their review of the Police Department
- b. ASG rep asked what more could be done about the smoking situation on campus. It was suggested that the police department be allowed to regulate the smoking rules on campus by citing. ASG has discussed that a possible solution to the smoking issue could be limiting smoking to parking lots only or not at all on campus. The P.D. stated there have been no calls on offenses and that officers do correct offenses when they are observed out in the field. The ASG rep will take this information back to ASG and ask that offenses be reported by calling the P.D.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.