Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) – Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2022
12:30-1:30pm
Held in Day 316 Board Room and via zoom

Members: Byrne (faculty), Davis-Frost (institutional), Ovadia (student), Caplan (institutional), Ladley (institutional), Pender (faculty), DeLorenzo (student), Hodges (staff), Juan (student), Loebach (student)

Absent: Radloff (staff)

Guests: None

Co-Chairs: DeStefano, Lombardi
Staff: Honan, Matta, Conrad, Blackwell

START: 12:31pm

I. General Updates & Introductions

PSAC Co-Chair, Joanne DeStefano, welcomed the committee members and introduced the new SA Rep, Rocco DeLorenzo. Joanne also announced a new vacancy for a Faculty Senate Representative since Siu Sylvia Lee had to step down due to scheduling conflicts.

II. Recommendations from International Crisis Intervention Conference

Racial Justice in Public Safety Fellow, Conor Hodges, shared his recommendations from the International Crisis Intervention Conference. They advocate using other services besides law enforcement in certain situations, especially during behavioral health crises. They differentiate themselves from law enforcement models or embedded models with law enforcement accompanied by social workers, striving for emergency response teams that respond to crises instead of law enforcement. They offer:

1. An 8-hour coordinator course (Recommended for at least one person on the PSAC Committee)

2. 40-hour course – Train the Trainer Course (Law enforcement street level diversion course) Certified to work as Crisis intervention trained officer and certified to trained others on this course

3. The International Crisis Intervention Conference – Directly from the most experienced CIT coordinators. Gives a broad sense of what is working and what is not.
Primary attendees are law enforcement, but that will likely change as other entities create alternative native response models.

He recommended the following:
1. At least one PSAC member certified by the 8-hour course
2. Some police officers take the 40-hour course and potentially share with other officers

III. Draft Public Safety Mission Statement

AVP of Public Safety, Dave Honan, and Compliance Administrator, Peggy Matta, with the Division of Public Safety drafted the mission which was shared with the group. Sahara agreed with having a short mission and having the guiding principles, but suggested some additional phrases be added to the mission statement to make it more inclusive. More discussion on this topic is set for the next meeting.

IV. Update on CRT Search

Compliance Administrator, Peggy Matta, provided the committee an update on the search for a CRT Director and CRT Coordinators. The search for the director position is still open and we are actively recruiting for more candidates. The coordinator positions have also been posted. There have been rumors that the CRT has been discontinued. We will communicate to groups that this is not the case.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM
Notes by: Maggie M Blackwell