Meeting notes of Community Policing Taskforce (CPT), 6/29/17

(Thanks to Kenneth Gabbard for taking notes.)

**Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. History, background, purpose
3. Community agreement
4. Breakouts -- potential questions
   1. What would you like this taskforce to accomplish?
   2. What information do we need to help us accomplish our goals?
   3. Can you commit to serving on this committee for the 2017-2018 year?
5. Sharing/Development of Questions/Needs/Tasks
6. Taskforce composition/commitments to serve
7. Next steps/to-do’s

**In attendance:**

Anisa Chaudhry, Angelica Esquivel, Kenneth Gabbard, Pat Hyland, Dianna Martinez, Brian Murphy, Melecia Navarro, Jim Nguyen, Viana Roland, Bob Stockwell, Jim Suits, La Donna Yumorikaku

**Others who were invited/have expressed interest in participating/or recommended:**

Terry Ellis, Karen Hunter, Keri Kirkpatrick, Siew Kuek, Kevin McElroy, Elizabeth Mjelde, Veronica Neal, Edmundo Norte, Ulises Reyes, Cialysiah Washington

**Notes:**

The first meeting of the Community Policing Taskforce (CPT) began with introductions and adoption of the agenda. We did not get to all points on the agenda. Community agreement, breakouts, needs/tasks, and taskforce composition will be addressed at the next meeting, provisionally set for week 3 fall quarter. Ideally, communications and planning will continue throughout the summer by email.

Regarding the history of events leading to the creation of the taskforce, concerns regarding police behavior have been voiced by students for many years. Students perceive the police to be unaccountable to the campus community and acting in ways inconsistent with the college’s mission of equity, mutual respect, and social justice.

Students addressed the Academic Senate (May 8, 2017) to report on recent cases of alleged police misconduct. On May 15, the college president addressed the Academic Senate and indicated a wish for a more positive and collaborative relationship between the police and the campus community. On June 5, 2017, the Vice Chancellor of Finance told the Senate the goal of the FHDA police was community policing where officers are perceived as part of the community, helping and protecting, and having students and employees feel that the police are on their side. He acknowledged the community policing goal had not been achieved, and that there was much to be done to close the gap between aspiration and reality.

In response to the concerns raised by students and others, the Academic Senate moved on June 19 to create a multi-constituency (students, staff, administrators, and faculty) Community Policing Taskforce that would investigate the current state of affairs and provide recommendations for moving toward a community policing model on campus and at the district.

We’re calling this group a taskforce because we do not believe it should be a standing committee of the Academic Senate. Rather, we see it as a working group that has a very clear agenda, which is to:

(1) assess and evaluate the current state of policing on campus;

(2) make recommendations for establishing a community policing model that advances the mission of the college and district, holds the police accountable to the community, and creates the conditions whereby students do not feel threatened by the very persons who are supposed to be providing security and protection; and

(3) exercise pressure on the institution to enact the changes necessary to achieve these goals.

Following the historical overview, the group engaged in a broad discussion that touched on a great many themes, including (among other things): the breadth and depth of the problem; the institutional complexities for the college(s) resulting from a district-wide police force; the history of moving from an unarmed security service to an armed police force; police hiring and training; leadership; oversight; police protocols, attitudes, and police understanding of their role on campuses vs. other jurisdictions; past efforts to address the situation; the composition of the taskforce (who would and wouldn’t be invited to participate); etc.   
  
Going well beyond the one-hour meeting time, it was decided to adjourn with the understanding that:

(1) Anisa, Angelica, Kenneth, Pat, Dianna, Melecia, Jim, Bob, Jim, and La Donna will serve on the taskforce during 2017-2018;

(2) Others will be invited/encouraged to attend future meetings, including: Terry, Karen, Keri, Siew, Kevin, Elizabeth, Veronica, Edmundo, Ulises, and Cialysiah;

(3) We will meet twice-a-month throughout the year starting in fall quarter; with a provisional first meeting scheduled for week 3 (exact day/time TBD);

(4) We will engage in conversation and planning via email over the summer;

(5) We will establish a means of archiving and sharing documents (a google drive folder is recommended);

(6) We will establish community agreements on how we conduct ourselves with each other (e.g., inclusive, respectful, democratic, etc.)

(7) We will establish the goals of the taskforce and the working groups that will carry out the work of the taskforce.

Thank you for your participation and commitment.

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