

COPS Minutes

Thursday, February 19, 2009 @ 1:06 pm COPS meeting called to order in EVPLA office in AS main.

1:07 pm: Welcome! Introductions/ Attendance: _Kt Van Dermark- COPS Chair, Stephanie Fitch- Legislative Council Representative, Jared Brehmer- new member, poli sci 4th yr, Franklin Rauh- new member Bio 3rd yr

1:10 pm: Review mission of COPS- to increase safety and security on campus and in IV by including students and their concerns. Speaking of Concerns...

1:11 pm: What concerns do you, as COPS members, students of this campus, and residents in this community have? Also, what interests you/ on what projects/ concerns would you like to focus?

1:13 pm: Jared discusses shady happenings at Library: Sketchy man lurking, staring at women; Suggests CSO and/or Police presence, a card swipe to monitor access or keep a list of attendance in the library (Stephanie suggests computer similar to dining commons. Franklin asks what happens when a wallet's lost, if someone doesn't have access card? Are drivers' licenses an option?); Raised concerns of gang activity in IV, stabbing in front of his house; Interested in increasing lighting on campus and in IV; suggests more publicity of safety resources, streamlining information to be available in one place?, CSO presence more known across campus?

1:19 pm: Franklin discusses skateboarding on campus, specifically skaters who are carving. Witnessed an older man who was run into and the skateboarder never stopped or apologized, despite man chasing him; Also concerned with number of people who ride bikes at night without light or reflectors, and noted many near collisions; Expressed concern with the length of time it took for UCPD and UCSB Alert to send out information.

1:20- 1:25 pm: Kt discussed UCPD dispatch procedure and possible reasons it may have taken so long for response and text sent out with UCSB alert, but that might be an area of improvement (?) and we could look into finding out more information; Stephanie suggests attending BIKES meeting at 12 on Tuesdays to work with them regarding skateboarding on campus, since it is such a hot issue; Asks Jared about gang activity?

1:25- 1:30 pm: Jared expounds on his interactions with police regarding bike theft, gang activity, and an incident in an IV residence last year when a bullet entered a random house.

1:30- 1:35 pm: Franklin suggests possibly adding the Library to CSO rounds, to at least get the out of the cold, and remembers multiple interactions with CSOs that have centered on boredom, finding something to do, and staying out of the cold. Jared mentions their presence may be a more cost effective solution for Library. Stephanie mentions CSOs taking very long to show up with escort service. Group discusses of possible CSO reform, or suggestions to be made to the program?

1:35 pm: Kt asks for specific projects people are interested in and would like to head for the upcoming quarter and week.

1:36 pm: Jared: research equipment to monitor access to library; meet with head of security at Library to discuss policies on access, and keeping a record of attendance;

researching other universities safety and security systems like USC

1:38 pm: Franklin : meet with CSO to find out if Library could be added to rounds or if someone assigned to Library might be a feasible option.

1:39 pm: Kt: find and email Jared and Franklin the contact info for Library security and CSO office to schedule meetings; walk IV/ campus @ night to investigate broken lights; meet with TBTN.

1:41 pm: Discussion of social host ordinance, the info meeting, and possible attendance at Take Back the Night, BIKES, IVTU, Copwatch for legal observing program?

1:44 pm: Stephanie reminds she is here for assistance and will report back to Leg Council.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm