

Police Advisory Committee Meeting
November 12, 2003

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<input type="checkbox"/> Harold Tyler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candice Allen - ASO Representative		

Guests: Dave Shannon, Alice Grigsby, Dee Thibodeaux, Nina Velasquez, Sheila Finch, Julie Stewart

The meeting started at 1:30 pm.

The minutes of the September 10, 2003 were approved with the following correction: Under Animal on Campus - spade to spayed

Gang Situation (Union Article)

There is no El Camino gang per se. However, there are members who are affiliated with gangs in the communities surrounding El Camino who attend El Camino College. The El Camino Community College District has an open-door policy and attendance is open to everyone.

Mr. Middleton will invite Ms. Jolene Combs and Ms. Lori Medigovich, Journalism faculty members to attend the next Social Environment Committee meeting to discuss the article on gangs. An invitation to attend this meeting was extended to the Police Advisory Committee members.

Current Police Department Personnel Status Update

The police department is still down 4 officers and 1 dispatcher. In January, Mr. Vic Hanson will be taking to Cabinet for discussion a request to fill one police officer position.

Campus Social Environment Committee

The Campus Social Environment Committee was started in 1996. Leo Middleton, Mike D'Amico, and Harold Tyler were on the committee. Within two to three years after its inception, the committee was defunct. Its goal at that time was to provide support for new students, and welcome receptions were held. At the present time, the committee has conducted walk thru in areas of buildings with heavy student population, i.e. Student Services Center building - cushions were removed from the concrete benches to discourage loitering.

Disaster Preparedness Radio Test

On Thursday, November 6, 2003, there was an underground explosion. Moisture got into a two-inch 50-year old copper cable, which began to smolder, and resulted in an explosion. The pool, health center, north patio and north gym lost electrical power. Power was turned-off for the entire campus so that fuses could be replaced. However, the pool, health center, north patio and north gym did not have electrical power over the weekend.

The power outage was a good learning experience. There were no injuries reported. Building captains need to become more familiar with using the radios. On a monthly basis, a radio test will be conducted so that the building captains in each division office will be able to practice

using the radios. Three students who were confined to wheelchairs were stranded on the upper floor of the Behavioral and Social Sciences building. They were never in any danger, however, it took a while before they could be brought down to ground level. A major problem was that two of the wheel chairs were equipped with large batteries attached to breathing devices which added to the weight of the chairs. Plywood was laid over the stairs to bring the wheel chair students to ground level. An evacuation chair was used on the other student. Another problem is if the elevators had been on the ground floor, police department personnel would not have been able to bring the student stranded on the upper floors down to ground level.

Recent Crime On Campus

Petty thefts have occurred. There were also a couple of vehicle burglaries. A laptop that belonged to a faculty member was stolen. It appears that someone put a piece of tape on the locking mechanism to gain entry to the office. Two students, who overdosed on over the counter cold medication, were transported to the hospital and released to their parents. Someone was stopped in Lot L with blood alcohol level of .35.

Student Access to Campus Facilities (Faculty Offices)

A faculty member allowed a student to use the office, and the student remained in the office over night. The dean has addressed the situation with the faculty member. Faculty or staff should not allow students to be in the office after hours.

Round Table

Barbara Grover – There was an incident outside a class where an officer approached a student, and the student was placed in handcuffs due to an outstanding warrant. After the student was booked, the student returned to the Behavioral and Social Sciences Division Office and requested medical aid. The division office contacted campus police and requested that the officer who handcuffed the student not come to the division office. Unfortunately, due to the lack of police officer personnel due to budget cuts, another officer wasn't available. Therefore, the same officer had to be dispatched to the area.

Alice Grigsby– She is pleased that the emergency radio will be replaced.

Angie Snider – Recently they experienced students loitering on the 2nd floor of the Student Services Center building. There are plastic interlocking chairs for students who utilize the services at the Career Placement Center. Somehow a large table and couch appeared. Maintenance was contacted and these items were removed. The Social Environment Committee will also address the issue of noise that rises up from the ground floor of the Student Services Center lobby.

Steve Fasteau– One-third of his time is spent on student disciplinary appointments that are not always referrals from campus police.

Terry Newman – People keep unlocking the gate that leads to the track field at the Community Advancement building. The restrooms in that area are used for storage; therefore, no one should be using these restrooms. Also the back door of the Community Advancement Office is left open, and someone can walk into the building. Mike D'Amico will contact Maurice Elmore.

Candace Allen – Forty Associated Student Organization positions have been filled from the special election. She expressed her appreciation to the police department for accommodating them with the Safe Driver's class. This is her last meeting since she just got accepted to attend California State University at Long Beach.

Julie Stewart – She is glad Cabinet will discuss getting one more officer.

The meeting ended at 2:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2004.

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