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Public Safety and Enforcement Programming at OSU Corvallis Campus

Board of Trustees Meeting
April 3, 2020



Public Safety Advisory Committee

- Advisory Committee convened by the President in October 2019
- Members include students, faculty, senior leaders
- Committee charge:
 - Make recommendations to the VP for Finance and Administration to address short- and long-term safety and law enforcement needs for the university and OSU community
 - Recommend strategies for an orderly transition of licensed law enforcement services on the Corvallis campus
 - Evaluate the university's long-term public safety program requirements to assure safety remains a top priority and public safety programming and services are in alignment with OSU's mission and values
 - Participate in evaluation of alternative licensed law enforcement service providers

Listening Sessions

Four listening sessions held to gather stakeholder input on values, principles and expectations guiding new public safety program on the Corvallis campus:

- Three on the Corvallis campus
- One at the Benton County Library Corvallis branch
- 70-80 community members participated

Online feedback form launched to gather additional input

Listening Sessions : Themes from participants

Program Outcomes

- Care; Comprehensive Response; De-escalation, Diffusion; Reduce confrontation; Comprehensive and ongoing officer training

Community Integration

- Integrate values with larger Corvallis and Linn-Benton community; Resource partnerships with city and county

Conceptualization of Safety

- Sense of belonging; Extend definition beyond law enforcement

Organizational Authority

- Accountability; Student voice; Transparency; Selection of diverse officers and personnel

Listening Sessions : Themes from participants

Organizational Visibility

- Ambivalence about officer visibility, recognition of the opposing needs of diverse community members; Ambivalence about the need for an armed presence

Officer Engagement

- Increased community interaction; Shared responsibility for trust building and cultivating respect

Officer Discretion

- Ambivalence about ratio of armed/unarmed and sworn/nonsworn officers; Ambivalence about the presence of armed officers

Officer Disposition

- Approachable, warm, deescalating; First aid response, health and wellness; Caring, compassionate, humane

Options Considered

- Several options considered
- Guiding principles
- Next steps
- Recommendations

Questions?



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