

USF Progressive Policing Community Advisory Board Constitution

Purpose

The purpose of the USF Progressive Policing Community Advisory Board (PPCAB) is to provide a forum for community collaboration and feedback with the Department of Public Safety regarding fair, equitable, and effective police practices.

Charge

The Advisory Board will work collaboratively with public safety to identify problems, develop and recommend solutions to USF Leadership and serve as a resource regarding community safety issues. PPCAB will be a key communications liaison by expressing community concerns to public safety and sharing relevant information with community members from USF Public Safety.

Recommendations

The actions and directives of the University leadership and the Department of Public Safety may not always reflect the views and opinions of this board.

In the event that the Department of Public Safety and the University Leadership do not follow the recommendations of the Advisory Board regarding the changing or adopting of Public Safety policy, this will be noted as well as the reasons for such, in the Progressive Policing Community Advisory Board link on the Department of Public Safety website.

If an Advisory Board recommendation is not unanimous, this shall be noted, as well as the number of dissenting votes, in the Progressive Policing Community Advisory Board link on the Department of Public Safety website.

Membership

PPCAB will be comprised of approximately 9 members of the USF community (3 faculty, 3 students, and 3 staff) who can commit to regularly attend meetings, listen respectfully to the viewpoints of fellow members and Public Safety team members, and who are willing to establish a dialogue with the group, organization or constituency they represent. The Department of Public Safety solicits a campus-wide nomination for faculty and staff representation. The undergraduate Vice President of Advocacy ASUSF position, is entitled to a seat on the committee. There is also one graduate student representative and one undergraduate representative who are selected through a committee volunteer campus callout.

The PPCAB will have the Director of Public Safety and the Associate Vice Provost of Student Life and Dean of Students serve as co-chairs. The Program Assistant of the Office of the Dean of Students will serve as secretary.

PPCAB members are requested to:

- Attend quarterly Advisory Board meetings
- Serve one, two, or three-year terms. A term will be defined as holding a membership seat from September to August.
- Receive and share data, research, and perceptions regarding safety measures consistent with social and restorative justice and the mission, vision, and values of the university
- Receive information about crime trends and crime problem solving projects
- Be knowledgeable about community concerns, issues, or emerging problems within the university community
- Share the responsibility with Public Safety to better understand the mutual responsibilities involved in practicing effective community policing
- Bring issues for consideration regarding community safety to the meetings
- Share information discussed in the meetings with community contacts
- Participate in problem-solving strategies with the group
- Assist in the development and follow-through of action items

Parameters include:

- Acting as a think-tank for PPCAB development
- Providing advice to and maintain dialogue with USF Department of Public Safety
- Being respectful and objective regarding differing viewpoints
- Understanding that the Board is advisory in nature, not a decision-making or voting body

Outcomes:

- Create a workable model in problem-solving around community crime and quality-of-life issues
- Further strengthen community policing and insuring community safety needs are met
- Serve as a positive advisory group and liaison to the community