

# Public Safety Review Board

Minutes of Meeting

November 18, 2016

Present: Francis Price, Holly Crawford, Kathy Parrinello, Tony Kinslow, Christopher Aquino, Vito Martino, Beth Palermo, MJ Curry, Richard Crummins

Guest: Mark Fischer

## I. Introductions

The chairman introduced himself as did the other members of the Board.

## II. Charge

President Seligman gave the Board its charge, which is as described in his memo to the University community dated October 13, 2016. He cited the recent spate of incidents involving robberies in the 19<sup>th</sup> ward as evidence that the nature of the threat to the University community is changing. President Seligman stressed the importance of open discussion and of Board members expressing their views.

## III. Background Materials

The Chief of Public Safety walked the Board through the background materials that had been distributed before the meeting. This was largely an overview of the contents, which include proposed policies, timelines of arming implementation, description of current and proposed training of DPS officers and selection criteria. The Chief also gave a general overview of the operations of the DPS.

## IV. Firearms on River Campus

One member raised a concern about the presence of firearms on the River Campus in light of the President's commitment to arm only medical center officers. There was discussion of the circumstances in which an armed response to an incident on the River Campus might occur. The Board will consider this issue in more depth at its next meeting.

## V. Reports

It was agreed that the Board would plan to make quarterly reports to President Seligman along with any other ad hoc reports deemed appropriate.

## VI. Confidentiality

The Board agreed that, since it is advisory to the President, its proceedings and discussions should remain largely confidential. One member expressed concern about transparency to the student

community. Others voiced the view that some transparency is appropriate but, to encourage frank discussion, specific comments and give-and-take should not be discussed outside the Board meetings, and that the Board should agree as a group what information is made public. This issue was tabled for further discussion.