

Public Safety Review Board  
March 29, 2017  
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Price, Crawford, Kinslow, Palermo, Curry, Martino, Crummins  
Absent: Parrinello, Acquina

1. The minutes of meeting of February 15, 2017 were approved.
2. There was brief discussion of the notification sent by DPS on February 17 regarding the apprehension of two suspects allegedly involved in a robbery on the footbridge. The notification included two photographs of the suspects, who are African-American, and this prompted a number of complaints to the bias reporting system and elsewhere, that it was unnecessary to publish photos of apprehended subjects and was inflammatory to have done so. Ms. Crawford reported that the photographs were published at the request of RPD for the purpose of obtaining information about the suspects' potential involvement in other known robberies but that this rationale was inadvertently left out of the communication. DPS will not, in the future, publish photographs of suspects that are no longer a present threat to the University community.
3. The Board discussed the need to draft a report on its activities for President Seligman before the May meeting of the UR Board of Trustees. Mr. Crummins was asked to prepare an initial draft and circulate it to the PSRB before its April 18 meeting.
4. There was discussion of a proposal to add a non-University community member to the PSRB or perhaps a community member with ties to the University (e.g. employee living in a neighboring community). One PSRB member has proposed that this be done to improve community relations, especially with the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward (because of the increased University presence there). Another member spoke in support of creating a University-wide community board instead, that could address a broader range of issues; that member felt that such an approach would communicate a deeper commitment to community relations beyond public safety, and that it is not the PSRB's role to create, choose or advocate such a board with a wider mission. After a period of discussion it was felt that the rationale for adding a community member to the PSRB should be more clearly stated, in writing, for President Seligman to consider. A draft rationale/recommendation will be circulated before the April 18 meeting.