

Public Safety Review Board
April 18, 2017
Minutes of Meeting

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

1. The Minutes of the March 29, 2017 meeting were approved contingent on certain changes to be made by Mr. Crummins.
2. There was further discussion of the proposal to request President Seligman to add a community member to the PSRB. A written proposal had been circulated and was discussed. Members in favor said it would increase transparency and benefit community relations with such neighborhoods as the 19th Ward. One member felt that a community member would be helpful in the event of an incident involving use of a weapon against a non-University person. Others questioned the purpose of a community member in light of the PSRB's mandate and considering that the University already does outreach to a number of community groups on various issues. Discussion will continue at the May 16 meeting so that Ms. Parrinello, absent from this meeting, could state her views. It was recognized that if the PSRB ultimately votes to submit the proposal to President Seligman, and if he approves it, there will be operational and logistical issues to work through.
3. The PSRB also reviewed a report of an armed officer unholstering but not firing his weapon in the College Town parking garage. The report concerned a call received from a blue light phone, with the caller reporting that he was being robbed. An armed officer responded and drew his weapon, but observed no robbery or suspect at the scene. Although there was general agreement by the PSRB that unholstering the firearm was reasonable under the circumstances, a question was raised whether the location was within the medical center armed patrol area that has been previously defined to the University community. DPS Chief Mark Fischer will be invited to attend the May 16 meeting to give a full report of the facts underlying the report.