

University of Rochester  
Public Safety Review Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 28, 2017

Present: Francis Price, Holly Crawford, Elizabeth Palermo, MJ Curry, Jordan Smith, Richard Crummins

Absent: Tony Kinslow, Kathy Parrinello, Christopher Aquina

1. New member introduction: Jordan Smith, co-President of the Student Association Senate, was introduced as the new student member.
2. Mark Fischer gave an update on firearm implementation and training.

Training: The female officer who failed firearm training earlier this year has completed it successfully after undergoing strength development. Another officer has been injured during training and will have to re-take the course in the future.

Periodic/refresher training for all officers occurred this summer. New recruit training is upcoming. Generally the board was impressed with the level of training that is ongoing.

One officer may be leaving DPS to join the Rochester Police Department.

Discharges/Unholstering: No events have occurred since the last meeting on May 16.

Supervisory (armed) Responses: Mr. Fischer gets a weekly report of supervisory responses to incidents on campus. The majority are typically at 612 Wilson Boulevard where walk-in reports of incidents are common (and armed supervisors are usually present). Other supervisory responses have involved life safety responses, including reports of intoxicated students needing medical attention. One such response involved a report of a flasher on the "rails to trails" bridge (the offender was taken into custody on campus and arrested by RPD).

3. Communication/confidentiality issues were discussed: There is uncertainty about whether recommendations of the PSRB can be communicated publicly before minutes are posted on the website. Mr. Crummins pointed out that recommendations to the President and can be rejected, so it is premature to announce them before he decides. Ms. Crawford agreed, adding that there should be better processes for communicating the President's decisions back to the PSRB. Dr. Curry requested that there be further discussion of this issue at the next meeting.

4. Membership issues were discussed:

College Representative: Former Dean Richard Feldman suggested in June that a representative from the College Deans' office be added to the Board. After discussion of this suggestion, the PSRB decided not to recommend doing so. President Seligman intentionally kept the PSRB relatively small, and it includes representatives of major campus constituencies: faculty, students, staff, central administration, and medical center faculty and residents. It was felt that if a representative from one school is added, there is no logic to denying membership to all of the others. Then the PSRB risks becoming so unwieldy in size that its function is impeded.

New Members: Mr. Crummins will seek recommendations for new medical center faculty and resident members from the Medical Center's Institute for Innovative Education. There was general agreement that Ms. Palermo and Dr. Aquina would be welcome to remain for a second term if IIE agrees.

5. The meeting schedule for 2017-18 was discussed. It was decided that the PSRB could plan to meet bi-monthly going forward. Special meetings can always be scheduled as needed. Mr. Crummins's assistant will solicit availability and forward a meeting schedule.