Public Safety Oversight Committee Meeting
November 13, 2014
Horace Mann Room 103
3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Committee Members in Attendance: Russell Carey, Mark Porter, Timothy Shiner, Charles Carroll, Adam Kemerer, Margaret Klawunn, James Simmons, Peter Gromet, Patricia Falcon, Jacquie DeSisto, Peter Holden, James Green, Justin Pace, Lt. Holt

Committee Members Absent: Liza Cariaga-Lo, Reese Middler, John Ryan, Michelle Nuey

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes for March 13, 2014 were approved.

Introductions: Russell Carey provided a brief overview of the PSOC. This committee was formed approximately 8 ½ years ago as a result of DPS arming approximately 10 years ago. The minutes are posted on the DPS website once approved by the committee. He also provided information regarding the University Sexual Assault Task Force Overview Committee, which has been meeting weekly since October 1st. Committee members include Dr. Michelle Cyr, faculty, students and staff members. A primary report will be issued in December and a final report in the Spring of 2015.

The University is currently recruiting for a Title IX Coordinator. This position will report to Liza Cariaga-Lo. Interviews for this position will be held next month. New policies and hearing procedures will be posted on the OSL website.

Q & A Pertaining to Title IX: What happens if there is a case of criminal nature?
In a case of criminal nature, students are advised of all options available, further documentation will be forthcoming ensuring students understand their options.

Any discussion on how to expand training?
The Title IX Website has updated information on training. Will have training every year NOT just for orientation.
Chief’s Report:

Chief Porter talked about APG (yellow jackets). Their presence has shown a decrease in robberies, also shuttle stop changes and good police work from members of DPS and the Providence Police Department (PPD).

Q & A Pertaining to Crime: Do we follow trends? Yes, we do follow trends. DPS and PPD work together. PPD Detectives come on campus to identify gangs from our city and state.

Where do most robberies occur? Most robberies occur mostly on campus. Campus police visibility has increased over the last 3 years – DPS/PPD/APG.

Colonel Porter noted motor vehicle stops (MVS) are the most dangerous tasks an officer can do. Brown has a lot of traffic coming in and out of the community. One way signage on Thayer Street to Brown Street needs to be more visible.

Q & A Pertaining to Motor Vehicle Stops: Do officers have back up for MVS? Yes, officers do have back up for MVS.

Are they monitored and made available to the public? Yes, they are monitored on a daily basis; not available to the public. Agencies have to also monitor for racial profiling.

Campus Crime and Service Activity Report:

- **Calls for Service:** (every call that comes into the DPS Communications Center) January 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014 – **19,271** vs January 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013 **18,332**.

- **Admits/Unlocks:** January 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014 – **6,314** vs January 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013 **5,967**.

- **Total Alarms:** January 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014 – **3,083** vs January 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013 **2,233**.

- **Escorts/Transports:** January 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014 – **819** vs January 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013 **766**.

**Citizen Complaints and Field Data Reports:** Information on the DPS website on how to file a complaint and what avenues to take if not satisfied.

**January 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014**

**Citizen Complaints Data:** 4 (four) complaints were filed with 1 (one) sustained.

**Field Stop Data:** 93 (ninety-three) total field stops with 152 (one-hundred fifty-two) persons documented.

**Motor Vehicle Stops:** 633 motor vehicle stops.

**Training Report:** In 2014 DPS hired three officers, promoted one public safety officer to campus police officer and at an officer’s request, transferred a campus police officer to a public safety officer. Newly hired employees receive 80 hours of in-house training before being assigned to on the job training.

Chief Porter also stressed the importance of yearly training. Compared to peer institutions, DPS is above average. We did the best in recruiting and we have a good blend of officers promoted internally and externally.

**Community Outreach:** New and yearly programs are on-going. Safewalk statistics have increased. Students have undertaken several outreach events, including a Student Activities Organization Fair on September 4, 2014. The new Safety Portal and the Bear Tips Program was launched in the Fall. Safety Tip of the week has been sent out via Morning Mail as of September 2, 2014. DPS launched a new website in August, 2014.

Before the meeting adjourned, Chief Porter asked the committee their suggestions on how to get more students involved with DPS and this committee; a possible suggestion was in having representative(s) from LGBTQ and BCSC.