Committee Members in Attendance: Russell Carey, Mark Porter, Bruce Holt, Justin Pace, Michelle Nuey, Amy Greenwald, Reese Middler, Timothy Shiner, Daniel Resnick-Ault, Peter Holden, Margaret Klawunn, James Simmons, Kathleen Nelson, James Green, John Ryan (PPD), and Aditya Kumar.

Committee Members Absent: Charles Carroll, Liza Cariaga-Lo, Kapil Dev and Christopher Anderson.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes for April 9, 2013 were approved.

Introductions: Russell Carey welcomed new committee members and provided a brief overview of the history of the PSOC and its objectives.

Chief’s report:

Campus Crime and Service Activity Report:

  o Calls for Service: (every call that comes into the DPS Communications Center) 
    Increased this semester compared to same timeframe as last year. January 1, 2012 

  o Incident Reports generated: January 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012 – 1,453 vs 
    January 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013 - 1714.

    to October 31, 2013 – 5,967.

  o Total Alarms: January 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012 – 3,122 vs January 1, 2013 to 

    to October 31, 2013 - 766.
Increase staffing levels: Brown and Providence have partnered patrol details - 6 week trial on Friday and Saturday nights during Fall 12 semester, 14 arrests. Results were good and have continued in Spring 13.

Robberies: 48% decrease from 2012 to 2013. Robberies continue to be a concern in the area; however, with partnership with PPD there has been a decrease. YTD we have had 11 reported robberies.

Colonel Porter discussed the University’s decision to bring in the Kroll Security Consulting Group to assess the department’s law enforcement readiness with special focus on technology systems and staffing levels. Recommendations have been taken into consideration and the department has made some significant technological enhancements to date.

Aggravated Assaults: 200% increase between (2) 2012 and (3) year-to-date in 2013.

Larcenies: 24% decrease between 2012 and 2013; increased efforts have been made to communicate safety tips to the community.

Laptop thefts: 2013 – From January 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013, there were 50 laptops stolen in 45 incidents. The majority of laptops have been stolen from residence halls.

The group had a discussion about the cause of laptops thefts. Chief Porter explained that thefts are crimes of opportunities and the primary cause of thefts are due to students leaving their laptops unattended and unsecured. A committee member recommended soliciting the testimonials of community members that have experienced being a victim of a theft to educate others about theft prevention. The DPS Crime Prevention Unit currently offers weekly property registration and theft awareness tables in University libraries and dining halls.

Citizens Complainant and Field Data Reports:

Colonel provided an overview of the process and noted all sergeants are required to document all complaints.

Citizen complaints data: in 2012 eight (8) complaints were filed with one (1) sustained. To date in 2013 there are 10 (ten) complaints filed.
Field Stop data: January 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013 – eight (39) total field stops with 70 persons documented. No concerning trends reported.

Motor Vehicle Stops: January 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013 – 677 motor vehicle stops

Training Report:

In 2013, the department hired and/or promoted a total of eight (8) officers:

Hires: Three (3) Campus Police Officers and two (2) Communications Control Officers
Promotions: Two (2) Sergeants and One (1) Lieutenant
Transfers: One (1) Detective Sergeant and One (1) CCO - PSO

In May 2013, DPS went through its reaccreditation on-site assessment. This was the department’s 1st accreditation with the new motor vehicle stops standard. According to Lt. Holt, the assessment went very well and the assessors were very pleased with the department’s performance. Final word of the department’s reaccreditation status will come in December 2013.

Community Outreach: During this reporting period, the outreach was geared towards personal safety and resource awareness during University orientation events. Crime Prevention Unit registered 153 laptops to date for 2013. Numbers for Facebook and Twitter are increasing steadily. An overview of semester outreach initiatives was shared to include the new Coffee with Cops outreach; self-defense programming and communication initiatives.

Russell Carey provided the committee with an overview of the President’s Public Safety Task Force. This group was convened in October 2013, and was charged to explore ways to better integrate the Brown Shuttle, Brown onCall and the Safewalk Program; explore enhanced safety education for Brown Students, Faculty and Staff; and explore the expansion of technology such as improved surveillance cameras to investigate and deter crime.