Committee Members in Attendance:

Mark Porter, Russell Carey, Peter Holden, Marylou McMillan, Patricia Falcon, James Green, Amy Greenwald, Justin Pace, Mary Grace Almandrez, Timothy Shiner, James Simmons, Bruce Holt, Justice Gaines, Eli Binder, Jessica Brown, Charles Carroll and Dilum Aluthge, Jacquieen DeSisto

Committee Members Absent:

Michelle Nuey, Joseph Donnelly, Jack Haglin, Liza Cariaga-Lo, Aditya Kumar, Alexandria Volkening,

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes for November 5, 2015, were approved.

Introductions:

Russell Carey

Asked everyone to introduce themselves and indicated that for the next ten minutes will answer any new questions, or raise them later, regarding our last discussion and on the minutes submitted.

Last week and yesterday, I sent out quite a bit of information hopefully, most of which, is in response to the discussion that we had last time on campus discussions regarding arming the Public Safety Department over 10 years ago.

Chief Porter will provide some of the information on the decision of arming the Police Department and the role of campus law enforcement in general on campus. My goal is to open a discussion and answer questions that the background provided, or may have raised and to discuss in more depth the training that is being done in the department; also, the information that Chief Porter has provided.
Chief’s Report:

The Chief provided and went over crime statistics presented in the report and also provided a monthly breakdown of larcenies. He also talked about the crime prevention efforts in reaching out to departments on campus and the operation ID Program. He noted that over the past couple of years the bicycles seem to be the biggest issue.

Training Report:

The Chief reviewed the departments training plan goals and outlined the four mandatory categories of department training:

1. Firearms & Use of Force Training
2. Community Oriented Policing Training
3. Diversity
4. Policies & Procedures

Discussion:

- On annual training as opposed to semi-annual and tri-annual.

Various Topic Discussions:

- Russell Carey opened up discussion on the history and background of arming. He discussed un-holstering noting that since 2006, no officer has discharged the firearm, at all. Chief Porter provided information on how the department tracks un-holstering and force used by officers. He also reviewed how DPS tracks traffic and field stop data.

- Discussions were raised with the group concerning situations that warrant un-holstering and the importance of verbal communication skills.

- Russell Carey discussed the Disengagement Policy and its drawbacks and said,

  “You cannot have officers with police responsibilities without being armed, stopping motor vehicles, responding to robberies, patrolling and trying to deter violent crime without being armed, we were that for a long time and the decision was made, that it was not going to work.”

- Discussion regarding sworn versus non-sworn officers and the Providence Police.

- The Bratton Report was also discussed.

- Chief Porter discussed outreach efforts and about possibly having officers without their uniform, for two hours attend events that are taking place and not only leaders attending.

- Bike patrol and the Jewelry District staffing were also discussed.

Meeting adjourned.