

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) – Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2022

12:00-1:30pm

316 Day Hall Board Room and Via Zoom

Members: Caplan (institutional), Davis-Frost (institutional), Esmail (faculty), Lewis (faculty), Ononye (student)

Absent: Byrne (faculty), Krishnan (student), Mullen (student),

Co-Chairs: DeStefano, Lombardi

Staff: Bellamy, Conrad, Hodges, Matta

START: 12:02pm

I. General Updates

PSAC Co-Chair, DeStefano welcomed the committee to today's meeting and shared that Conor Hodges would be providing an update to the EVP national peer group in NYC on May 1. DeStefano also commented that there are only three meetings left for the semester and she will be touching base with committee members to determine their plans for next academic year so any replacements can be identified prior to the beginning of the semester. The committee introduced themselves to new police chief Bellamy.

II. CUPD Vision (Bellamy).

Chief Bellamy shared his values and vision for the Cornell police going forward. Bellamy emphasized that CUPD is a service organization that provides support services. He wants to be visible, meet with, and listen to as many constituencies as possible. Chief Bellamy shared that he met with the police staff on all three shifts. He also shared that various groups have reached out and requested meetings already.

III. Public Forum Discussion

Prior to the new public safety division announcement, the committee had suggested hosting public forums. However, given the generally positive feedback on the changes, the committee agreed that AVP Honan and Chief Bellamy would conduct their own meetings with the various constituencies. If a public forum is deemed

necessary, it will be planned in the fall. The committee identified some key groups for Honan and Bellamy to meet with. The committee also discussed how to rebrand/reframe the public safety organization and include feedback options. The Blue light (now AVP Public Safety) message needs a different look. It was also suggested that there could be more passive options such as new posters, etc., perhaps using summer interns to assist.

IV. Public Safety Position Description

Chair DeStefano asked the committee to submit any “must-have” items to include in the new AVP Public Safety position description as a homework assignment.

Co-chair Lombardi ended the meeting with an update on issues within one of the north campus dorms. Discussion followed on student safety measures.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM