

## Minutes

### PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSAC)

Friday, September 22, 2023

12:45-1:45pm

Day Hall 316 Boardroom

**Attendees:** Cowen, Lombardi, , Juan, DeLorenzo, Pender, Loebach, Ladley, Westbrooks (zoom), Gordon (zoom), Hodges (zoom), Ovadia, Davis-Frost, Honan, Matta, Stickel, Bellamy, and Trentanelli

**Absent:** Jackson and Conrad

Co-chairs Chris Cowen and Ryan Lombardi opened the first meeting of the semester with introductions. Each member subsequently introduced themselves and their affiliations with the University and committee.

To give the members context about the Committee, its legal requirements, and outline the more recent work of the PSAC, Lombardi, Honan, and Matta presented a PSAC 101. NYS Education Law 129A requires the University to have a Public Safety Advisory committee whose role is to advise on issues of campus public safety. Specifically,

The committee shall review current campus security policies and procedures and make recommendations for their improvement. It shall specifically review current policies and procedures for:

1. educating the campus community, including security personnel and those persons who advise or supervise students, about sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking offenses pursuant to section sixty-four hundred thirty-two of this article.
2. educating the campus community about personal safety and crime prevention.
3. reporting sexual assaults, domestic violence, and stalking incidents, **bias-related/hate crimes** and assisting victims during investigations.
4. referring complaints to appropriate authorities.
5. counseling victims; and
6. responding to inquiries from concerned people.

**Note:** after the meeting, committee member Hodges advised that he learned that the law had been amended this past year and effective in October 2023, bias-related/hate crimes were added to the list of crime reporting.

The presentation outlined the work of the committee for the past three years, as well as topics for the upcoming year.

**Updates:** Brief updates were provided for the following

- Fall Opening – after a bit of a rocky first day start, the fall opening went very well.
- Community Response Team – the team is now fully staffed and receiving calls for the fall semester. They are working on schedules, community outreach, and training.
- Public Safety Service Team – the manager position has been posted and the search is underway. Union negotiations will commence soon for the three team positions.
- DPS Branding – the division of Public Safety continues their outreach and branding efforts. A division website is being developed and should be deployed in the Spring semester.

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, October 27, 2023