

Senate meeting
Faculty Senate Resolution on Campus Public Safety
December 2014

Whereas the PSU Administration has made a recommendation for creating an armed Campus Police force based on the Task Force on Campus Safety report calling for a larger campus security presence on our campus and the surrounding neighborhood;

Whereas the Administration has not provided data that makes a convincing case for arming of PSU Campus Public Safety officers nor created a plan for policies and services beyond policing which will make all in our community feel safer;

Whereas a substantial body of data and research shows that interpersonal and sexual violence does not generally occur in public spaces, and that the introduction of weapons into communities often increases risks of violence, with students of color and people in emotional distress at the most risk;

Whereas the Administration's recommendation lacks a commitment to create a campus committee for oversight and supervision of a PSU Campus Police,

Be it resolved the members of the PSU Faculty Senate express their:

1. Opposition to arming PSU Campus Public Safety officers;
2. Support for the creation of a campus committee for oversight and supervision of the PSU Campus Public Safety Office as a necessary condition for implementation of changes in campus policing policies, including alternatives to an armed police force. The campus committee must be comprised of administrators, faculty & students.

**from Senators Vicki Cottrell, Ted Donlan, Mindy Holliday, Michael Taylor, David Layzell, Yves Labissiere, Annabelle Dolidon, Susan Reese, Jose Padin, Gina Greco, Evgenia Davidova, Swapna Mukhopadhyaya, Sharon Carstens*