Community Oversight Task Force

Public Session Minutes, 21 February 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:23 p.m.

*Daniel Levine chaired the meeting on behalf of Marvin Mckenstry

In Attendance: Daniel Levine, Danielle Kushner, Jeff Anderson, Andrew Reinel, Senator Hughes, Sun Reporter (Jessica Anderson)

The COTF moved to adopt the 9 Feb 18 minutes and the 11 Feb 18 minutes

Public Statement discussion:

- Accountability-discussion was about taking out "of all" as that may lead to practical problems, also naming certain groups might generate push back earlier in the process than we'd like
- Transparency-the paragraph has now been reorganized to move from specific instances in which people have filed complaints to general ways to improve police transparency
- Racial equity-Strike language on HBCUs for now; we should have a conversation with them before including this
- Transformative justice, opening and closing paragraphs being reworked; will be distributed to all COTF members for comment
- There was some discussion of the GTTF and whether the opening and/or closing paragraphs should specifically address the events of late-Consensus seemed to be that this should be separate, i.e. in op-ed, or press conference, etc.

Dates for next meetings:

- Andrew mentioned that the only dates that seemed to work for everyone were Wednesdays and Fridays
- Talked about Fri. 3/2, Wed. 3/14 and Fri. 3/23
- Need locations, but esp. For 3/2; Daniel mentioned that we should be able to use BCMC
- Time still 6-8
- Charge to everyone to put their recommendations under the various categories by the next meeting

Social Media:

 Danielle to ask about OSI money for someone (maybe student) to setup and manage social media accounts

- Daniel mentioned that we first need to establish our social media strategy, but his take is that our main goal is to push info. out
- Andrew mentioned that the information we release or events we make a public comment on should be tied, in some way, to our 6 guiding principles
- Daniel and Andrew both volunteered to assist with maintaining our social media sites

Writer update:

- Interviewed two candidates last week, will conduct another round of interviews within the next week
- She agreed to circle back to Ed about BCCC contact and reach out to Dayvon from LBS
- Daniel mentioned that could consider contacts at think tanks for the writer position, as they are accustomed to writing lengthy reports with short timeframes
- Jeff mentioned that we should perhaps consider folks in DC who would not have as much of a vested interest in the outcome

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.