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## Steering Committee

Tuesday, December 3, 2024  
6:00PM | Duber Hall Room 114



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**WELCOME!**



## Ground Rules:

- Respect the process
- Be present and engaged
- Follow the facilitators' directions
- Allow every voice to be heard
- Speak courteously and respectfully to others
- Maintain zero tolerance for any obscenity or comment (written or verbal) that is meant to attack or intimidate another person



- **Co-Chairs' Welcome**
- **Enrollment Update**
- **Campus Safety Conversation with Phillip Morse**
- **Governance Check-In**
- **Working Group Reports**
- **Community Relations Updates**
- **For the Good of the Order and Adjourn**



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# Co-Chairs' Welcome

Jerry Gallucci and Matt Bennett



### Student Enrollment

Main Campus, 4801 Massachusetts,	
4200 Wisconsin, 3201 New Mexico <sup>1</sup> :	9,249
Tenley Campus:	<u>1,379</u>
Total:	<b>10,628</b>

### 2021 Campus Plan, Condition 5

Overall Enrollment Cap:	14,380
Tenley Enrollment Cap:	2,000

### Main Campus Enrollment

Full-time Undergraduate Students:	6,606
Graduate Students:	2,083
Other (e.g. part-time, non-degree):	<u>560</u>
Total:	<b>9,249</b>

### Campus Plan Student Housing Requirement

On-Campus Capacity:	4,152
Triples:	330
Qualified Master Lease (The Frequency)	<u>200</u>
Total Beds Available:	4,682

Full-time Undergraduate Enrollment:	<b>6,606</b>
Percentage of Student Housing Provided:	<b>70.87%</b>
Condition 13 Requirement:	<b>&gt;/= 67%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Note: No courses were offered at 3201 New Mexico Avenue in Fall 2024



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# Safety Review Working Group Overview

Phillip Morse

# Safety Review Working Group (SRWG)

## Options for Consideration

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Maintain Status Quo	Less-than-Lethal Option	Ability to deploy firearms from police vehicles	Arm All Officers and Supervisors
Current Practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unarmed campus police department</li> <li>Equipped with pepper spray and ASP batons</li> </ul>	Provides stand-off capability to address armed threats by persons in possession of weapons not involving firearms	To be used in threat situations involving weapons	Arming all officers and supervisors

## Community Education and Engagement

- Website to Centralize all Project-Related Information
- Four Educational Sessions
- Nine Community Forums
- Survey to Gauge AU Community Sentiment

September 2024



## Feasibility Assessment



- Assessment of Job Role Adjustments
- Evaluation of Staffing Feasibility
- Recruitment, Training, and Retention Analysis

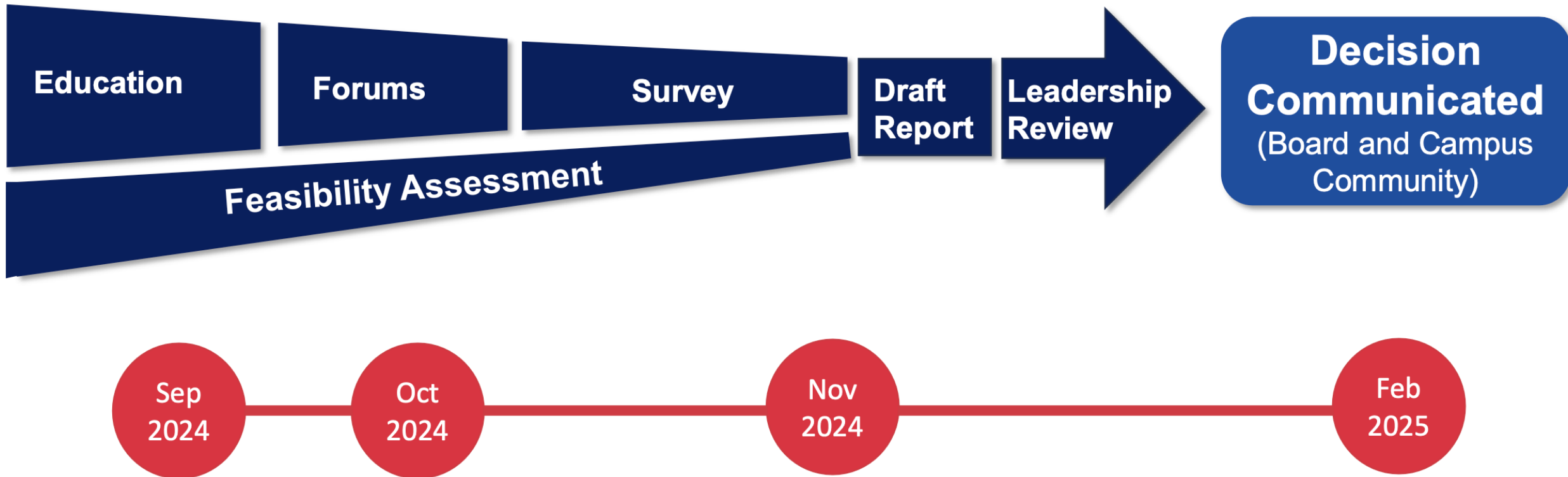
- Indemnity Considerations
- Qualified Immunity Evaluation
- Legal Review – Armed Officers Off Campus

- Training and Development Costs
- Arms and Ammunition Procurement
- Insurance Premium Adjustments

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# Decision Process and Project Timeline



# Governance Check-In

- New Steering Committee Membership
  - McLean Gardens - Marguerite Pridgen
- Updating the Terms of Reference
  - Co-chair and membership expectations and time commitments
  - Working Group flexibility
  - Formalizing the orientation process



# Jacobs Field Sound Barrier Update

Jonathan McCann

## Testing Requirement and Draft Methodology

- Testing the barrier is required before the University undertakes any material change (ZCO-20-31 Condition 23).
- Draft Methodology Highlights:
  - Lack of Industry Standards for testing barriers of this type.
  - Methodology planned to be based loosely on ASTM E336-20 “Standard Test Method for Measurement of Airborne Sound Attenuation between Rooms in Buildings.”.
  - Testing is expected to involve generating “pink” noise at levels higher than what may be expected from normal field activities.
  - Readings are proposed to be taken at same 4710 Woodway Lane locations as previous exercises.
  - Simultaneous measurement of noise levels on both sides of barrier will allow for reduction benefit to be determined.



# Meltzer Center Construction Update

## Meltzer Center Updates

- Geothermal and civil infrastructure work is complete.
- SCAN exterior enclosure work is underway.
- Structural steel “topping out” has occurred.
- Structural concrete work is continuing.





## Construction Camera (August 2024)







## Construction Camera (November 2024)



## Transportation and Parking Working Group

Co-Chairs: Andrew Heimert and Josh Finver

### Updates:

- **DDOT TDM Letter** – AU is compiling data for submission of annual report in mid December
- **CaBi Station Locations** – AU has worked with DDOT to identify locations for new stations at Fletcher Gate (Rockwood Parkway) and the Spring Valley Building (see image) – installation is expected in the spring
- **OLLI** – The area around SVB continues to be a focus area for neighborhood enforcement. AU issued **131** tickets from August 26 to November 15.



Spring Valley location





# Student Life and Safety Working Group

**Co-Chairs: Chuck Elkins and Phillip Morse**

## Focus Area

1. Education on local laws, ordinances, and university regulations.
2. Community Building by fostering mutual respect and understanding.
3. Prevention of potential issues through creative, proactive strategies.
4. Collaboration in addressing and mitigating conflicts in a fair and effective manner.
5. Reporting: Equip neighbors with tools and knowledge on how to report issues directly to the university, ensuring timely responses and problem-solving.



# Off-Campus Student Conduct

Justin Bernstine



**For the period of September 11, 2024 – November 21, 2024 the Office of the Dean of Students has received 10 reports of disruptive off-campus behavior.**

**5 reports from single family homes:**

**AU Park – 1**

**Friendship Heights – 1**

**Glover Park – 1**

**Tenleytown – 2**

**2 reports from apartment/condo buildings:**

**Cathedral Heights – 1**

**Tenleytown – 1**

**3 reports from public property:**

**AU Park – 1**

**Tenleytown – 1**

**Wesley Heights – 1**

**8 reports involved complaints of noise/parties/gatherings**

**1 report involved smoking/vaping**

**1 report involved use of athletic equipment**

**During the same period last year, there were 10 reports.**

**Actions Taken:**

- 1 report was resolved through meetings with Office of the Dean of Students staff**
- 9 reports did not involve AU students**



# Community Relations

Laura Marks and Jason Millison

## Laura Marks, AVP Community & Government Relations Jason Millison, Director of Community Relations



**October: 1st Ever AUNP Membership Meeting**  
Guest Speaker Amy Dacey, Executive Director of  
AU's Sine Institute of Policy and Politics

**November:**  
Janney Elementary  
5K & Fun Run

Mann Elementary  
Turkey Trot 5K

Second Annual  
AU Airlie 5K &  
Fall Festival









## Campus Plan Commitments

- **Apartment Community visits, 20-31, Condition 42(c)**
  - Visited, spoke with, and emailed 22 different apartment complexes
  - Established Jason Millison as their AU Point of Contact
  - Dropped off Community Relations materials with reminders of the Good Neighbor Policy and how to report conduct concerns
- **Off-Campus Student Orientation, 20-31, Condition 42(a)**
  - 97% completion, remainder referred to Student Conduct process
- **Jacobs Field Quarterly Sound Monitoring Report, 20-31A, Condition 4(g)**
  - Covers September – November 2024
  - <https://www.american.edu/communityrelations/campus-plan/campus-plan-meeting-documents.cfm>



## Fall Events

-  Nov 16: Janney ES 5K / Fun Run
-  Nov 17: Mann ES Turkey Chase
-  Nov 23: AU Airlie 5K & Fall Festival
-  Dec 10: Quarterly CLC Meeting

## Winter Preview

-  Jan: Day of Service with DC Central Kitchen
-  Feb: Neighbor Appreciation Night at AU Basketball
-  Feb: Hall of Science Tours
-  Mar: Garden Spring Forward with AU Arboretum Director



Save The Date  
for the  
inauguration of  
Jonathan Alger  
as American University's  
Sixteenth President

Thursday, March 27

Friday, March 28





# Good Of The Order and Closing Comments

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 6-8pm  
Abramson Family Founders Room  
School of International Service



# Adjourn and Reception