Dear Members of the Boston University Community,

Amid a national reckoning around the relationship between law enforcement and marginalized communities in 2020, BU President Robert A. Brown established the Community Safety Advisory Group (CSAG). This 30-person committee composed of students, staff, and faculty seeks to enhance responsive and proactive efforts for community safety at Boston University. CSAG is collaborating with different campus departments to inform community infrastructure development, including alternatives to some of the current emergency response protocols, that catalyze and give voice to diverse safety concerns. CSAG advises University leaders and the Boston University Police Department (BUPD), on supporting and improving physical and psychological safety and security, particularly for underrepresented communities.

Over the last year, CSAG members have:
- Reviewed and categorized sources of existing safety data on campus
- Laid the foundation for a communications strategy
- Examined BUPD’s current procedures and responses to mental health crisis calls
- Created four subcommittees representing CSAG’s approaches to actualizing goals and priorities: policy and practice, data and information gathering, communications, and internal operations

When identifying goals this academic year, there was unanimous agreement that the need for a more comprehensive understanding of student perceptions of safety and policing on campus is critical for informing the committee’s priority areas. Today, we will start surveying a random sample of undergraduate and graduate students on their perspectives on campus policing and sense of safety at BU, so please monitor your inbox for a link from us. This fall, we plan to release the aggregate results which will guide our investigation and recommendations. CSAG will continuously reach out and listen, and we look forward to further discussions with the BU community on these crucial issues.

Take care,

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Address, Name
Senior Diversity Officer

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Resources Informing Our Work

**Depression, Anxiety, Loneliness Are Peaking in College Students**

A nationwide study, co-led by BU researcher Sarah Ketchen Lipson, reveals a majority of students say mental health has impacted their academic performance.

**Mental and Physical Health**

Boston University’s Student Health Services offers a wealth of resources, from primary care to behavioral medicine to sexual assault response and prevention. Office visits are free, insurance is not required.

**Racially Just Policing**

The ACLU of Massachusetts and Bridgewater State University have teamed up to craft a model policy for campus law enforcement.