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PHOTO BY DANNY PETERSON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Students occupy Portland State University's Campus Public Safety building in October following the campus officer-involved shooting death of Jason Washington.

Armed Police Get Nod

PSU recommendation at odds with campus survey

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A special board meeting at Portland State University has been scheduled for next Thursday, March 7 after consultants hired by the university released a report Friday recommending keeping armed officers at PSU even as it presented a new survey showing a slim majority on campus were opposed.

The consulting firm Margolis Healy found that 52 percent of polled students, faculty and staff want the school's campus safety officers to disarm.

The accompanying 213 page report, which was commissioned by PSU, comes after campus public security officers responded to a disturbance last June 29 that resulted in the death of Jason Washington, a 45-year-old African-American Veteran, father,

grandfather and postal worker, outside the Cheerful Tortoise bar, near the Southwest Portland campus.

Witnesses said Washington was trying to break up a fight and a gun fell from his body before he tried to pick it up. He was shot multiple times by two responding PSU officers, marking the first officer-involved shooting at the school since campus police were armed in July 2015.

The officers were cleared of all wrong-doing by a Grand Jury. Body-cam video captured from both officers during the incident that seemed to show Washington holding a gun. The weapon was later determined to be his friend's, but Washington had a permit to carry a concealed handgun.

Student-led protests and occupations of the Campus Public Safety building followed with the protesters over arcing demand for disarming campus officers.

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Police Cleared; Family Responds

Mayor, police chief promise additional review

The family of a legally blind and mentally challenged black man who was shot and killed in an officer-involved shooting met with Mayor Ted Wheeler and Police Chief Danielle Outlaw Friday hours after a Multnomah County Grand Jury found



Andre Gladen

no criminal wrongdoing against the police officer involved in the shooting.

The jury determined the police officer was acting in self-defense on Jan. 6 when Andre Gladen, 36, threatened the officer with a knife and was shot and killed. Police were first called to a report that Galen was sleeping on a porch in the 9600 block of Southeast Mark Street and then he ran inside the home when police arrived and refused to leave, authorities said.

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