

**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**Welfare and Security Committee**

**2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Members of the Committee**

Patricia Bazrod  
Albert Concord  
Andrew Hardin (Chair)  
Linda Harley  
Andrew Howard  
Margaret Kosal

**Executive Board Liaison**

Dana Simpson

**SGA Representative**

Rene Diaz

**Invited Guests and Ex Officio Members**

Randy Barrone  
Brian Bonus  
Melanie DeMaeyer  
Mark Demyanek  
Lee Helmken  
Bradley Latham  
Lance Lunsway  
Rachael Pocklington  
William Smith  
Laci Weeden  
Nazia Zakir

**Meeting Dates**

The committee met on the following dates: September 4, 2014; October 23, 2014; December 2, 2014; March 13, 2015; and April 24, 2015.

**Activities**

This year, the Committee continued with several of its traditional focus areas, including campus transportation services. Mr. Lance Lunsway was invited to brief the Committee on concerns about increased parking rates and Stingerette service reliability issues. The Committee shared feedback and suggestions with Mr. Lunsway that were collected from students, faculty, and staff, including suggestions to graduate parking rates based on income and provide payment plans for students.

Representatives of the Georgia Tech police department regularly briefed the Committee on the state of on- and near-campus crime, and it was noted throughout the year that crime rates were down overall, despite a few high-profile issues. The Committee was specifically briefed on new measures taken to increase security in academic buildings, on-going efforts to improve policing on and near campus, and the successes and lessons learned regarding the preparation for and execution during President Obama's visit.

The Committee invited Ms. Rachael Pocklington to review the current status of the smoking policy and its enforcement with respect to contract workers in response to faculty complaints about construction workers around the EBB site. The Committee agreed to continue to monitor issues related to the policy.

The Committee participated in a review of the Institute's response to extreme weather events on campus. The Committee made several recommendations to Mr. Will Smith from the Office of Emergency Preparedness regarding how to better communicate issues in the future. Overall, the campus response to weather events was noted to be much improved this year.

Finally, the Committee expanded into several new areas, including sexual violence prevention, epidemic response plans due to the threat of diseases like Ebola, and coordination with the Parents Program on topics related to student welfare and security issues. Several guests from relevant campus groups were invited to speak on these topics, and the Committee provided its input to these individuals. As part of the Committee's oversight mission, the Committee's members agreed to form ongoing partnerships with VOICE, SVPA, and the Parents Program to ensure continued coordination.