

# GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

## Welfare and Security Committee

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

### MINUTES

#### Attendance

##### Members In Attendance:

Albert Concord (GT RSD)  
Andrew Hardin (GTRI EOSL) - Chair  
Margaret Kosal (INTA)  
Dana Simpson (OSP) - Executive Board representative

##### Members Absent:

Patricia Bazrod (CD&D)  
Rene Diaz (Student, MSE) - SGA representative  
Linda Harley (GTRI ELSYS)  
Andrew Howard (GTRI CTISL)

##### Invited Guests:

Randy Barrone (GTPD)  
Melanie DeMaeyer (Office of Dean of Students)  
Lee Helmken (Student Health Services)  
Lance Lunsway (PTS)

#### Introduction

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Andrew Hardin at 4:05 PM.

#### Administration

Mr. Randy Barrone, sitting in for Mr. Bradley Latham, our Georgia Tech Police Department liaison; Mr. Lance Lunsway, the senior director of Parking and Transportation Services and New Business Development; Ms. Melanie DeMaeyer, director of the Women's Resource Center in the Office of the Dean of Students and a VOICE coordinator, and; Ms. Lee Helmken, a health educator in the Health Promotion unit of Stamps Health Center and a VOICE coordinator were introduced to the committee as invited guest speakers.

Mr. Hardin briefly reviewed the outcome and single action item from the previous meeting. The previous meeting's minutes were previously approved by email vote.

### **Discussion**

Mr. Barrone led the first discussion on campus crime and safety. Mr. Barrone reported crime statistics and information for the semester- and year-to-date, noting that little had changed since the October meeting. Committee members posed questions of interest to Mr. Barrone in lieu of continuing with a formal presentation. Discussion proceeded based on these questions, ranging from a discussion of joint operations with APD, Midtown Blue, and Atlantic Station; Westside crime information; Campus Safety Walk trends; GTPD force size; the GTPD undercover program; and a new crime analyst.

Of primary interest to the committee were the coordination with other law enforcement and safety organizations, the Campus Safety Walk findings, and the crime analyst. Mr. Barrone reported that coordination between outside enforcement groups has strengthened in recent years, with GTPD operating joint patrol car programs with APD. The video integration center, however, is still a work in progress due to legal, political, and practical issues. Mr. Barrone also noted similar Campus Safety Walk findings as those previously reported: streetlight and blue phone issues, sidewalk repair, and the need for additional sidewalks and lighting in certain places. Finally, Mr. Barrone discussed the duties of the crime analyst, his tie-ins with APD, and some of the new technologies being employed for generating statistics and attempting to predict where crime is likely to occur.

Ms. Melanie DeMaeyer and Ms. Lee Helmken led the next discussion regarding the VOICE program and other groups on campus working to educate about, prevent, and advocate for victims of sexual violence on campus. Ms. DeMaeyer and Ms. Helmken provided a history of sexual violence on campus, the evolution and current state of the regulatory and legal environment governing Georgia Tech, the groups and programs on campus, and the on-going issues. Ms. DeMaeyer and Ms. Helmken noted that the primary focus is active prevention education (identifying when violence may happen, how to stop violence when it is about to start/has started, bystander intervention, and response in the aftermath of a crime) and victim advocacy rather than simply how not to become a victim. A point underscored several times was the need for additional student and faculty participation on the campus committees (e.g., Sexual Violence Prevention Alliance), peer education, and student training (particularly student groups, such as Greek and athletic groups). Campus Save requirements and the upcoming campus climate survey were discussed, and it was noted that a new compliance director was on board for helping coordinate Title IX and ADA compliance issues. Finally, the white paper sent to President Peterson on August 1, 2014, was discussed, including the specific recommendations from the President's Task Force on Sexual Violence.

The committee asked several questions of the VOICE representatives about how the committee and its members could provide assistance. Ms. DeMaeyer and Ms. Helmken noted that the faculty needed to constantly maintain awareness of issues and regulations, help hold students accountable for inappropriate and/or illegal behavior, and create an equitable, respectful campus climate. Additionally, faculty need to help be involved in and promote the education,

awareness, and oversight programs and committees on campus. Lastly, Mr. Hardin suggested that the training programs, committee opportunities, and other activities should regularly be advertised in the Parents Program newsletter published by Ms. Laci Weeden in order to help drive awareness among students, which is something that Ms. DeMaeyer noted was done but something that could be done more frequently.

Finally, Mr. Lance Lunsway led a discussion of welfare and safety issues related to Parking and Transportation Services. Mr. Lunsway started with a discussion of the parking budget and parking rates, why fees have gone up, and how Georgia Tech parking fees stack up to other similar entities in Atlanta. Mr. Lunsway then discussed ways that PTS is attempting to reduce costs to slow, arrest, or reverse increases in parking fees, including a conversion to LED lighting in parking decks and grants to offset costs for installing EV charging stations. Mr. Lunsway mentioned a research project with Ford Motor Company to do real-time capacity and security cameras in lots and decks, and discussed ride and bike sharing programs on campus. Lastly, Mr. Lunsway mentioned plans for a new, approximately 1000 space parking deck to be built on Dalney Street, starting as early as Spring 2016.

Mr. Al Concord asked Mr. Lunsway about consideration of a sliding parking rate based on salary, household incoming, employee classification, student vs employee status, etc. Mr. Lunsway noted that this had been looked at previously, but that there are many practical considerations that make this a difficult problem to solve in an equitable way. One example Mr. Lunsway gave was of the need to look at whole household income rather than employee income and the difficulty of doing that legally and accurately.

Mr. Hardin asked Mr. Lunsway about the possibility of splitting up payments for students, as is done for faculty with paycheck deductions. Mr. Lunsway noted that this is being piloted for graduate students now with plans to evaluate and consider extending the program to undergraduates at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.

### **Action Items**

There were no new action items from this meeting.

### **Certification of Minutes**

Minutes respectfully prepared by,



Andrew Hardin  
Chairman  
Welfare and Security Committee