

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Welfare and Security Committee

**Wednesday, September 3, 2014
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Members In Attendance:

Patricia Bazrod (CD&D)
Albert Concord (GT RSD)
Andrew Hardin (GTRI EOSL) - Incoming Chair
Andrew Howard (GTRI CTISL)
Margaret Kosal (INTA) - Outgoing Chair
Rene Diaz (Student, MSE) - SGA representative

Members Absent:

Linda Harley (GTRI ELSYS)
Executive Board Liaison - TBD

Invited Guests:

Mark Demyanek (Facilities) - Ex-officio member

Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM. New, returning, and ex-officio members were introduced.

Administration

There were no previous meeting minutes to approve.

Dr. Margaret Kosal stated that she will be rotating off committee at the end of the academic year. Mr. Hardin was nominated and voted in as the new chair. As new chair, Mr. Hardin facilitated the meeting.

Discussion

Mr. Hardin started the discussion by asking to review existing business items and for input on new topics to consider for the academic year.

Mr. Andrew Howard asked to first review the committee's charter, mission statement, and duties. It was suggested that the committee might not have cause to meet as often as once per month, and that we might need discuss an update to our charter. The specific wording of the charter, updates to the charter, and the frequency of meetings will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Dr. Kosal responded by leading a discussion of previous and continued business items addressed by the committee and those that we might consider continuing or revisiting per the committee's charter. Those topics included the committee's input on:

- Continued need to address campus crosswalk safety, including the lack of crosswalks at key locations on campus (e.g., across Tech Parkway between the Student Health Center parking lot and the Habersham building).
- Proposed changes to the concealed carry laws
- Parking and traffic issues on campus
- Campus lighting and pedestrian safety devices
- Georgia Tech smoking policy
- Bicycle safety policy and bike sharing programs
- Campus road markings
- Sidewalk repair for safety and ADA accessibility
- Construction site safety for workers and members of campus, including traffic and pedestrian safety, lighting, limited sight lines, and crime
- ADA issues, particularly with respect to building access and paratransit services for permanently and temporarily disabled students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors
- Campus Master Plan
- Cameras and surveillance activities on campus
- Laboratory safety issues

The group then discussed the desire to continue with the tradition of previous years by getting periodic briefings from the Georgia Tech Police Department representative on campus crime and safety, including outcomes of the Campus Safety Walk. Additionally, briefings from Capital Planning and Space Management and Parking and Transportation are desired to continue the committee's emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Mr. Rene Diaz noted that members of the University of Georgia's EH&S-equivalent group were visiting Georgia Tech to review and learn how our EH&S department does their job.

Mr. Hardin next called for explicit inputs on new and continuing business to address.

Dr. Kosal's input was to continue looking into the crosswalk safety issues; parking- and transportation-related topics, such as construction activities, rate increases, enforcement activities, black water retention, plans, weather preparedness, and other updates; and lastly, she and Mr. Howard suggested that Mr. Hardin join the PTAC to help align goals for both committees.

Mr. Mark Demyanek suggested continued Campus Master Plan oversight, including development of the eco-commons, the HPC center, and realignment of Tech Parkway.

Mr. Diaz suggested a review of how the campus transportation service's align their service hours versus MARTA's service hours. He also suggested that the committee review issues related to reserving Stingerette rides, specifically the lack of consistent service times and pickup policies. Also, Mr. Diaz noted that a graduate version of GT1000 existed to help new-to-campus graduate student acclimate to Georgia Tech and provide awareness of campus welfare and security/safety resources.

Ms. Patricia Bazrod suggested that we invite the directory of the Parent Program, Ms. Laci Weeden, to join our group unofficially to discuss and interface with the committee on issues frequently brought up by Georgia Tech parents and prospective parents at FASET and throughout the rest of the school year.

Finally, Mr. Hardin suggested that the committee continue to look into proposing technological solutions for collecting crowd-sourced data on campus safety and security issues.

Mr. Hardin adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM by noting that the October committee meeting would be scheduled in the coming days.

Certification of Minutes

Minutes respectfully prepared by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Hardin', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew Hardin
Chairman
Welfare and Security Committee