

## **2007-2008 WELFARE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE Annual Report**

### **Members of the Committee:**

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**The Committee met on the following dates:** September 10, 1997; October 15, 2007; November 12, 2007; January 28, 2008; February 11, 2008; March 10, 2008 and April 14, 2008.

The minutes of the meetings are posted on the Welfare and Security Committee's T-Square Site.

The Welfare and Security Committee continued to pursue issues and initiatives from previous years even as new security matters took center stage on the campus. The Committee pressed for implementation of two policies that were completed in prior years: The Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AED) Policy and the Motorized Vehicle Policy. Although some units are voluntarily acquiring AEDs and placing them in their facilities, campus-wide implementation is slowed by budget considerations. Only selected sites on campus have defibrillators as envisioned by the policy. The Committee remains optimistic that as AEDs become more prevalent in public spaces and costs come down, Georgia Tech will adopt an up-to-date version of the AED Policy. The Office of Environmental Health and Safety is now taking the lead in implementing the Motorized Cart Policy.

The Welfare and Security Committee continued a constructive dialogue with Traffic and Parking. In years past, the focus of the conversation had been the annual cost of parking permits. In 2007-2008, the topic shifted to the need to provide lower cost alternative parking sites and alternative means to access campus. The maintenance and safety of parking lots and decks including but not limited to road surfaces, striping, lighting, cameras, and crime continue to be monitored.

Campus Emergency Planning at Georgia Tech became a central theme and focus in 2007-2008. The Campus Emergency Plan and implementation of GTENS were reviewed and discussed by the committee which met with the new Director of Emergency Preparedness and representatives from the Georgia Tech Police. Committee members participated in the Campus Safety Walk.

The Welfare and Security Committee was briefed by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety about new chemical hazard procedures and lessons learned from laboratory mishaps during the year.