

**SUNY Geneseo  
Personal Safety Committee  
2011-2012 Annual Report**



**Committee Members:** Kerrie Bondi, Tabitha Buggie-Hunt, Paul Dotterweich, Sandra Glantz, Kevin Hahn, Stephanie Haynes, Allison Hoppe, Cyndi Klima, Dave Norton, Vishal Rajput, Sal Simonetti

**The Committee was charged by President Dahl to:**

1. conduct an audit of the location, use, and effectiveness of all surveillance cameras used for the recording and monitoring of public areas for non-instructional purposes and disseminate results of that audit to the College community
2. coordinate the annual campus safety walk, and prepare a report on the walk

**Charge #1:** Conduct an audit of the location, use, and effectiveness of all surveillance cameras used for the recording and monitoring of public areas for non-instructional purposes and disseminate results of that audit to the College community.

This charge is an annual requirement of the SUNY Geneseo Security Camera Policy #1-010 and covers academic year 2011-2012 year. This policy may be accessed at:

<http://www.geneseo.edu/~policies/policies/Security%20Camera%20Policy%201-010.pdf>

A sub-committee was formed to carry out the mission of this charge. Sub-committee members included: Kerrie Bondi, Paul Dotterweich, Sandra Glantz, Dave Norton, and Tabitha Buggie-Hunt.

*\*Note: As indicated in the SUNY Geneseo Security Camera Policy #1-010, Automated Teller Machines (ATM's) are noted in this report for informational purposes only. ATM cameras are not part of the annual audit as these devices are owned by banking institutions.*

**AUDIT RESULTS for 2011–2012:**

As a result of the audit, the following SUNY Geneseo buildings are known to have surveillance cameras used for non-instructional purposes:

- Erwin Hall
  - Webcam overlooking the Sturges Quad
- Lauderdale Health Center
  - One camera (not currently in use) located on the roof of the portico over the north entrance
- MacVittie College Union
  - Room 111 – Federal Credit Union has 3 security cameras
- South Hall
  - South side of building exterior (used as a webcam during commencement ceremonies held in parking lot-B)

**Charge #2:** Coordinate the annual campus safety walk and prepare a report on the walk.

The annual campus safety walk was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Several members of the campus community including students, faculty, administrators and staff, met in front of the Erwin Administration Building to start the walk.

University Police Chief Sal Simonetti greeted the participants and introduced President Dahl to the assembled group. President Dahl welcomed everyone and provided a brief background on campus safety walks.

After the initial greetings, President Dahl and Chief Simonetti guided participants towards South Campus which was the focus of this year's event. President Dahl took this opportunity to point out some of the important initiatives enacted as a result of previous annual safety walks. He also discussed accessibility issues and provided insight into the College's Master Plan.

As the walk progressed, Chief Simonetti discussed the issue of pedestrian safety as it relates to crosswalks on campus. He pointed out that this issue was a focal point of the 2010-2011 Personal Safety Committee. In addition, several stops were made along the way to discuss lighting concerns and blue light phones.

As a result of the annual campus safety walk, a number of building, sidewalk and street lights were observed as being out. This information was noted by Facilities Services Project Manager and Personal Safety Committee member David Norton, so that appropriate repair work orders could be initiated. His observations were as follows:

- Roadway light out on Red Jacket service road - first pole closest to the Rt. 63 bypass;
- J-Lot, the most south-easterly light pole was out;
- Roadway light pole, south campus loop road, adjacent to Wayne Hall blue post & panel sign;
- Additional area lighting should be added for walkway between Red Jacket & Suffolk Hall;
- Additional area lighting should be added for walkway around southeast corner of Suffolk Hall.

In addition, Mr. Norton toured the entire campus after the walk and made the following notations:

- R-Lot, parking lot lights out: pole 5-4-16 (easterly bulb) & pole 5-2-14.
- S-Lot, parking lot light out: pole 42-08-38
- College Drive roadway light out: south side, west of Saratoga Terrace entrance.
- Blue light phone at BB lot entrance – blue light bulb was not working.

Items noted by Chief Simonetti include:

- roadway area adjacent to Wayne Hall needs additional lighting;
- middle of J-Lot, south side needs additional lighting;
- sidewalk light out at the west end of Blake Hall;

In addition, a student pointed out that there is no crosswalk at the south east corner of I-Lot, near College Drive.

Professor Cyndi Klima, also a member of the Personal Safety Committee, was present at the onset of the safety walk. She raised a potential safety concern for faculty members who teach during the evening hours. Professor Klima pointed out that faculty often times are forced to park in the most southern area of B-Lot, farthest from academic buildings, due to students being permitted to park in the lot after normal hours. She indicated that this area is often dark and therefore concerning to those who walk to their vehicles at night. This issue will be shared with the Parking Committee for their consideration.

Professor Klima also pointed out that the west side of Welles Hall is often dark when she exits the building at night. This information will be shared with Facilities Services to ensure exterior building lighting is in working order.

#### **Additional Efforts:**

In addition to the specific charges from President Dahl, the Personal Safety Committee discussed alternative areas of interest and concern. As a result of these discussions, a sub-committee was formed to develop a survey to determine the greater community's personal safety concerns. Sub-committee members included: Vishal Rajput, Stephanie Haynes, David Norton, Allison Hoppe, Kevin Hahn, Sandra Glantz, and Sal Simonetti.

After several weeks of development, the survey was shared with Dr. Julie Rao, Director of Institutional Research. Dr. Rao provided suggestions for improving the design and recommended the survey be sent during the fall 2012 semester due to a number of surveys being sent to students during the spring 2012 semester. Chief Simonetti will suggest to the incoming Personal Safety Committee (2012-2013) to reconsider administering the survey.

End of Report