

Campus Personal Safety Committee End of Year report 2013 – 2014

Meeting Dates: 11/07/13, 12/05/13 and 05/07/14

Members Attending Meetings: Prof. Aaron Heap, Dave Norton, Patricia Gonzales, Tamara Kenney, Kevin Hahn, Alexandra Athens, Susan Yates, Holly Kandel

Conduct an audit of the location, use and effectiveness of all surveillance cameras used for recording and monitoring of public areas for non-instructional purposes and disseminating the results of that audit to the college community.

- Discussions were held regarding the topic of the use of IP video on the SUNY Geneseo campus. Professor Heap submitted for the review of the committee a Surveillance Camera Sub Committee Report. (see attachment) The committee further discussed the result of the report as well as the concept of integrating IP video within the college community In addition we discussed possible ways to determine locations and installation priorities all within the framework of current policy. The committee will continue discussions concerning IP video application and installation

Objective partially met

Coordinate the annual Campus Safety walk and prepare a report on the walk.

- A Campus safety walk was conducted on Wednesday October 9th 2013 at approximately 7:00pm. As a result of the Safety walk additional lighting was added to the Northeast Corner of Letchworth Dining Hall construction Site. Recommended removal of chain link from south side of Genesee Hall nearest Letchworth construction area. A concern was raised that the chain link posed a tripping hazard in low light. This matter was addressed.

Objective met

Monitor how construction conditions on campus are impacting campus safety and communicate concerns to facilities services as warranted.

- Discussions were held with regard to construction conditions on campus at Bailey Hall, Letchworth Dining Hall and the proposed athletic complex. In review of these areas during non-traditional hours and low light situations we found that perimeter lighting at the construction site at Bailey to be at minimum. Additional lighting would have been beneficial in the area however given the timeline of the project as it nears completion

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- In review of the Letchworth dining hall construction site it was found to have additional lighting in place along a temporary walkway that runs from Putnam Hall, Erie Hall to Seneca. In addition direct lighting which is in place on the exterior of Wyoming, Putnam, Erie and Seneca Halls coupled with strategically placed post lighting provided adequate illumination of the area which is under construction. A review of the lighting in place at the proposed athletic complex construction site was deferred until the fall semester 2014 when a comprehensive review will take place.

Objective partially met

Determine if safety enhancements are warranted regarding the interconnectivity of Fraser, South, Wadsworth and Welles Hall.

- A site review was completed with the objective of determining whether individual buildings could be secured by card access without negatively impacting fire egress. Access points that were reviewed for the purpose of the directive to the committee were: Welles Hall ground floor west to South hall 2nd floor, Welles Hall 1st floor egress west to South hall 3rd floor, Welles hall ground floor egress north to Wadsworth Auditorium ground floor, South Hall 2nd floor egress north to Frazier hall 1st floor, South Hall 3rd floor egress to Fraser hall 2nd floor (Fraser Library), Fraser Hall 1st floor egress west to Sturges Hall 1st floor, Fraser Hall 1st floor egress east to Wadsworth Auditorium ground floor. Based on observations that were made of the physical security in place additional enhancements are warranted in an effort to reduce access to all points after regular business hours. One suggestion is to review current options for integrated door hardware which would have an application that would allow access and egress while being connected to the building fire system that would default open in event of a fire alarm. Recently I reached out directly to Chuck Reyes regarding some suggestions regarding security enhancements to the above stated areas and at this writing have received no further information. When a response is received Mr. Reyes I will forward that information to your attention.

Objective met

Miscellaneous Discussions

- Safety of students in 24/7 computer labs, appropriate use of cross walks, flashing yellow stand-alone lights to indicate pedestrian crossing ahead, possibly contact the state department of transportation with regard to do a traffic study on campus for the areas of concern, statistical analysis of crimes against persons taking place after hours in Fraser, South Wadsworth and Welles halls.