

Campus Personal Safety Committee End of Year report 2014 – 2015

Meeting Dates: 10/21/14, 12/16/13 01/20/15 and 04/14/15

Members Attending Meetings: Prof. Aaron Heap, Dave Norton, Courtney Volturno-Havens, Akim Bakarr, Tamara Kenney, Jacob Sherry, Alexandra Athens and Sandy Yates

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 15th 2014 at approximately 7:00pm. Though inclement weather was in the forecast, college administrators, faculty, staff and students gathered on Wednesday evening October 15th 2014 to participate in the Presidents Safety Walk. President Long addressed the group citing the importance of their involvement. The safety walk is held annually and provides participants with the opportunity to point out safety, accessibility and lighting concerns across campus. Approximately 50 members of the college community participated in the event which toured the south side of campus taking note of their observations of lighting that was inadequate or were not working properly, foliage that was in need of being trimmed back as well as grading and refinement of curb cuts and sidewalk areas for improved accessibility. Everyone who participated was present for a common goal that being greater safety, accessibility and improved lighting conditions. All observations were detailed in a separate report (attached)

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 which included the athletic complex. In review of these areas during non-traditional hours and low light situations we found that perimeter lighting at the construction site in and around the athletic complex to be at minimum. Additional lighting would have been beneficial in the area however given the timeline of the project that may be impractical. The area was observed and reviewed as a part of the Campus Safety Walk held in October. A copy of the final report of the Safety Walk was shared with Facilities Management.

Objective met

Conduct a statistical analysis of the frequency of criminal activity in Fraser, South, Wadsworth and Welles Hall given their interconnectivity.

- A statistical analysis of the frequency of criminal activity in and adjacent to Fraser, South, Wadsworth and Welles halls from September 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. Information listed below further outlines the reported information submitted to the department.
 1. A total of nine reports filed with the department during the period of 09/01/2015 and 04/30/2015. Of the nine crime incident reports filed, six took place within a building and three took place outside an adjacent to the buildings
 2. There were a total of two reports that occurred at Fraser Hall, both incidents were classified as criminal mischiefs and took place outside and adjacent to the building.
 3. A total of three reports took place within or adjacent to South Hall, a report of disorderly conduct and a report of mental health threat which took place outside and adjacent to the building for a total of two. In addition there was a reported burglary that took place on the second floor of South Hall.
 4. There was a single report of a criminal mischief that took place within the Wadsworth auditorium.
 5. A total of three reports took place within Welles hall, two reports were for criminal mischief and one report was for larceny from a building.
 6. There was a single report that occurred on a Wednesday, five reports that occurred on a Thursday, one occurring on a Friday and one on a Saturday.

Conduct a statistical analysis of the frequency of criminal activity in Fraser, South, Wadsworth and Welles Hall given their interconnectivity (continued)

7. A total of five reports occurred between 11:00pm and 12:00am, two reports occurred between 12:00am and 4:00am and one report between 12:00pm and 4:00pm

The frequency of occurrence at this time warrants adjustment of directed patrols of the surveyed areas on Thursday late evenings and continuous monitoring by patrols for other periods of the day and days of the week.

Objective met

Miscellaneous Discussions

- Safety of students in 24/7 computer labs, appropriate use of cross walks that was followed by a discussion regarding a goal of the police department to conduct a traffic study of pedestrian crosswalks on campus and the addition of a promotional item in the form of a Safety Folder intended for dissemination to faculty and staff