To: James VanVoorst, Vice President for Administration  
For distribution to:  
    Dr. Harvey Stenger, President  
    All faculty, staff, and administrators  

From: Personal Safety Advisory Committee  
    Lisa Havtur, Human Resources, Chair  

Date: June 1, 2014  

Subject: Final Report of the Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)  

Attached is the Final Report of the Personal Safety Advisory Committee in accordance with directives of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York.
Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

FINAL REPORT
2013-14

Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)
http://www2.binghamton.edu/personal-safety/index.html
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Executive Summary

The Binghamton University Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) met frequently throughout the 2013-14 academic year. In addition, the committee met for two evening safety tours (Campus-By-Night); October 2013 and April 2014.

The committee also met and submitted a recommendation document to the campus Parking and Transportation consultants, charged with this important, campus-wide initiative. That document is included on page 12 of this report.

The PSAC documented actions and concerns in the form of a Summary List and a Detailed Log; both included within this report. Both documents are also available on the PSAC web site: http://www2.binghamton.edu/personal-safety/index.html

PSAC Committee Members by Composition
The Personal Safety Advisory Committee is structured to align with the charge of the Trustees, including the Male/Female requirement (as per committee charge of at least 50% female). For 2013-14: 3 males and 6 females (1 additional ex-officio female).

Faculty
• Donald Brister, Senior Catalog Librarian, University Libraries
• Celia Klin, Associate Professor of Psychology
• William Ziegler, Associate Professor Watson School of Engineering, Executive Director Binghamton University Scholars, Executive Director President’s Scholars

Appointed by the President
• Lisa Havtur, Human Resources, Chair
• Madeline Bay, Lieutenant, Binghamton University Police
• Tracey Debnar, Assistant to the Vice President for Administration, ex-officio
• Wayne Schneider, Assistant Director of Operations, Physical Facilities
• April Thompson, Dean of Students

Student Members
• Megan Barry: from Niskayuna, NY, member of the Binghamton University Scholars Program, intends to double major in Mathematics and Economics mbarry5@binghamton.edu
• Sarah Glose: from Syracuse, NY; Member of the Binghamton University Scholars Program; Intends to major in English with a concentration in creative writing and global cultures sglose1@binghamton.edu
• Bridget Murphy: from Islip Terrace (Long Island), NY; Member of the Binghamton University Scholars Program; Intends to major in Psychology bmurphy10@binghamton.edu
**PSAC Representation on other University Committees**

Madeline Bay, Lieutenant, University Police  
- Police and parking concerns (including status on Res-Life program)

Lisa Havtur, Human Resources  
- Workplace Violence Prevention Committee/Risk Assessment Site Visits  
- Domestic Violence in the Workplace Campus Liaison and Reporting

Wayne Schneider, Assistant Director of Operations  
- Physical Facilities

April Thompson, Dean of Students –  
- Workplace Violence Prevention Committee/Risk Assessment Site Visits  
- Students of Concern Committee

**The PSAC website**  
Contains safety information useful to students, staff, faculty, and visitors:  
[http://www2.binghamton.edu/personal-safety/index.html](http://www2.binghamton.edu/personal-safety/index.html)

**PSAC Summary List of Actions and Concerns**  
Provides a condensed overview of issues submitted over the college year and the status of each.

**PSAC Detailed Log of Actions and Concerns**  
Tracks each concern in more detail, as reported to the PSAC. The PSAC Log is available for public review on the PSAC website and is also included within this report.

**Activity Summary**  
Incidents submitted to the PSAC as of 6/1/2014:

- Open Systemic Concerns: 0  
- Open Concerns: 2  
- Pending Concerns: 7  
- Long Term Concerns: 4  
- Closed Concerns: 8  
- Closed Systemic Concerns: 2  
- TOTAL: 23
II SUNY Board of Trustees Charge to the PSAC

Policy Title: Establishment of Campus Safety Advisory Committees  
Effective Date: July 1, 2004  
This policy item applies to: State-Operated Campuses

Summary:  
It is the policy of the State University of New York (University) to comply with legal requirements of Article 129-A of NYS Education Law §6431 (Regulation of Conduct on Campus and Other College Property Used for Educational Purposes). Accordingly, the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York has adopted written rules requiring campuses to establish campus safety advisory committees. These committees will provide advice and written reports on issues relating to personal safety on the campus as well as perform identified requirements of 20 USC §1092(f), also known as the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.” (See the University procedure on Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Reporting for information regarding the requirements and format for reporting official crime statistics.)

Policy:  
I. Establishment of Campus Safety Advisory Committee  
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A. Committee Composition – The committee shall consist of a minimum of six members:  
1. at least half of the committee shall be female;  
2. one-third of the committee shall be appointed from a list of students that contains at least twice the number to be appointed, which is provided by the largest student governance organization on the campus;  
3. one-third of the committee shall be appointed from a list of faculty members that contains twice the number to be appointed, which is provided by the largest faculty organization on the campus; and  
4. one-third of the committee shall be selected by the president.

B. Committee Responsibilities - The committee shall review current campus security policies and procedures and make recommendations for their improvement. It shall specifically review current policies, plans and procedures for:  
1. educating the campus community, including security personnel and those persons who advise or supervise students, about sexual assault pursuant to §6432 of Article 129-A of NYS Education Law;  
2. educating the campus community about personal safety and crime prevention;  
3. reporting sexual assaults and dealing with victims during investigations;  
4. referring complaints to appropriate authorities;  
5. counseling victims; and  
6. responding to inquiries from concerned persons.

C. Written Annual Reporting - The committee shall report in writing, at least once (June 15) each academic year to:  
1. the campus president;  
2. the entire campus including faculty, staff, administrators and students in publications or appropriate mailing; and  
3. when requested, applicants for enrollment or employment.
III. Binghamton University Security, Safety, Policies and Procedures

A. Clery Act Information


As per the requirements of the Clery Act, on an annual basis all faculty and staff are informed of the website containing information about crime statistics at the University. A copy of Binghamton University’s Annual Security Report is available by accessing the following website: [http://asr.binghamton.edu/](http://asr.binghamton.edu/) (2012 ASR is the most current available as of this date).

This report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on-campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Binghamton University; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus.

The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning sexual assault, and other matters. This report is the responsibility of the Binghamton University Police and University Counsel – Barbara Westbrook-Scarlett

B. Mandatory Online training for employees


C. Voluntary Safety Training for Students and Employees:

Safe Zone Training: The Binghamton University Safe Zone was established to provide a visible institutional support network for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and questioning individuals. Its mission is to create a safe, supportive and welcoming environment for all LGBTQ people.

The Safe Zone initiative is consistent with Binghamton University's anti-discrimination policy and its commitment to building an inclusive community. Allies of the Safe Zone are committed to providing an environment in which every student and University employee can live and work in a community based on respect. Allies of the Safe Zone have undergone training and are supportive of LGBTQ individuals.
D. Employee-centered reports/policies include:

- Clery Act reporting: http://www2.binghamton.edu/human-resources/policies/clery-act.html
- Campus and Workplace Violence Prevention: http://www2.binghamton.edu/human-resources/policies/workplace-violence.html
- Policy Statement on Discrimination and Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment: http://www2.binghamton.edu/affirmative-action/harassment.html

- Alcohol-Free and Drug-Free Workplace Policy. Refer to management procedure #629 for more information on alcohol and substance abuse in the workplace at http://bingdev.binghamton.edu/administration/procedures/600series/629.htm
- The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can provide information and referral assistance to faculty and staff dealing with drug or alcohol-related problems. Our EAP Coordinators, Diane Campbell (dcampbell@binghamton.edu) and Mary Ellen Niefer (mniefer@binghamton.edu) can be reached at x76655 and X76650, respectively.
- Domestic Violence in the Workplace Policy at http://www2.binghamton.edu/human-resources/policies/domestic-violence.html Refer to the contact information included within the policy.

E. Campus Safety Resources

- Campus Safety – General: http://www2.binghamton.edu/about/campus-safety.html
- Environmental Health and Safety (fire, general, lab safety): http://www.binghamton.edu/ehs/
- Campus Safety - Specific Measures and Activities: http://www.binghamton.edu/occ/safety.html
- Facilities Master Plan http://www2.binghamton.edu/physical-facilities/facilities-master-plan.html, includes many safety features
- Binghamton University Emergency Management website at http://emergency.binghamton.edu
- Safe Ride: http://buescorts.wordpress.com/did-you-know/
- Walking Escorts: http://buescorts.wordpress.com/did-you-know/

F. Emergency Alert System and Emergency Communications.

RAVE alerts.

Binghamton University has an emergency communications system including use of an outdoor siren. The system utilizes the University's website, BU Alert Line, Dateline, B-line
listservs, campus cable channel 42, voicemail and electronic message boards. For more information, visit http://www.binghamton.edu/emergency/

In an emergency, students, staff and faculty receive critical information through multiple official sources:

1) RAVE Alert text/e-mail messages: A text message would be sent out to all students, faculty and staff with information regarding the emergency. To register: http://www2.binghamton.edu/registrar/students/rave.html

2) Binghamton University Website: The University home page (www.binghamton.edu) is the official site of Binghamton University. This page will contain important information regarding critical incidents.

3) Outdoor Emergency Siren: This public address speaker/siren is designed to warn only individuals who are outdoors on the Vestal campus. It is not intended to be heard by people inside buildings on campus. The alert tone may or may not be followed by voice instructions. Regardless if you can comprehend the voice instructions, the default action anytime the siren is sounded is to: Take shelter in the nearest building and seek further information.

4) BU Alert Line at 607-777-7700: Calling this number will provide a recorded message with updated information regarding all emergency incidents and weather-related information for the Binghamton University campus.

5) Campus TV: Students, staff and faculty can turn their on-campus televisions to channel 42 for more information.

6) Electronic LED message boards and TV screens: The University manages a series of electronic message boards and TV screens that are placed at various locations throughout the campus. Common locations for these types of signs include the entrances to campus as well as dining facilities. These boards may be quickly 'captured' and programmed to display emergency messages whenever necessary.

7) Campus Listservs (B-Line, Dateline): E-mail messages can be sent to all students, staff and faculty with up-to-date information on the emergency and all relevant safety information.

8) Campus voicemail: All University-owned, hard-wired phones are capable of receiving voicemail messages. During an emergency incident, a recorded message containing critical information can be distributed to all campus phones.

G. Other Safety Initiatives:

Advisory Board member, Lisa Havtur, serves as the Domestic Violence in the Workplace prevention liaison for the BU campus and works with NYSUP in that capacity. DV employee statistics are provided in a report every six months to SUNY. Lisa attended certificate
training in Albany in 2009 and 2011 and coordinated the Risk Assessment site visits campus-wide in 2010 and 2011.

Tied to this are two annual surveys, the Risk Assessment Survey, which is intended to solicit workplace safety concerns and input from department heads and the All-Employee Workplace Violence Survey, intended to solicit workplace safety concerns and input from ALL Employees.

H. Binghamton University Committees/Groups/Departments that Address Safety Issues on Campus

- Affirmative Action - http://www2.binghamton.edu/affirmative-action/
- Alcohol and Other Drug Committee (AOD) - Smart Choices - http://www2.binghamton.edu/smart-choices/
- Campus Life works to prevent drinking – see Alcohol and Other Drug Committee (AOD)
- Domestic Violence in the Workplace – http://www2.binghamton.edu/human-resources/policies/domestic-violence.html
- Environmental Health and Safety (fire, general, lab safety) - http://www.binghamton.edu/ehs/
- Greek Life - http://www2.binghamton.edu/occ/greek-life/
- Green Dot - http://www.binghamton.edu/dean-of-students/green-dot/
- Harpur’s Ferry - http://www.harpursferry.org/
- ISSS - http://www2.binghamton.edu/iss/
- MultiCultural Resource Center - http://www2.binghamton.edu/multicultural-resource-center/
- New York State University Police - http://www2.binghamton.edu/police/
- OCC/Dave Husch works with the Binghamton Coalition - http://www2.binghamton.edu/occ/safety.html
- Office of Student Conduct - http://www.binghamton.edu/student-conduct/
- Ombudsman - http://www2.binghamton.edu/ombudsman/
- Personal Safety Advisory Committee - http://www2.binghamton.edu/personal-safety/index.html
- Residential Life - http://reslife.binghamton.edu/staff.html
- Sexual Assault Programs – see Team20:1
- Student of Concern Committee, Chair, Dean of Students dos@binghamton.edu, also see Dean Of Students web page at: http://www2.binghamton.edu/dean-of-students/emergency.html
- Team20:1 - http://www2.binghamton.edu/counseling/services/sexual-assault-peer-education/staff.html
- Women’s Studies - http://www.binghamton.edu/womens-studies/
- Workplace Violence - http://www2.binghamton.edu/human-resources/policies/workplace-violence.html
- CSEA Safety/Tool Crib Safety (CSEA reps and PF reps)
I. Student Association chartered student groups related to safety concerns:

• PEACE Out:  http://paws.binghamton.edu/organization/peace
• Powerful Unite Ladies Striving to Elevate (PULSE): http://paws.binghamton.edu/organization/0479
• Rainbow Pride Union: http://paws.binghamton.edu/organization/rainbow-pride-union
• Right Side of History Campaign at Binghamton University: http://paws.binghamton.edu/organization/the-right-side-of-history-campaign-at-binghamton-university
• SHADES (trying to create a safer campus): http://paws.binghamton.edu/organization/shades
• Voices Against Violence: http://paws.binghamton.edu/organization/voices
• Women's Student Union: http://paws.binghamton.edu/organization/voices
IV. Summary Document for Campus Parking and Transportation Survey and Initiative, as provided to Jim VanVoorst

Campus Parking and Transportation Survey
Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)
January 3, 2014

THOUGHTS
Survey
PSAC members were encouraged to participate in the Parking and Transportation Survey. Some members expressed concern about the ultimate value of the survey, which was felt to be overly-focused on the potential use of mass-transit and did not proceed, although others did. It was noted that there were not enough places for comments in situations where none of the supplied answers suited or applied to the user. As the survey was the initial “face” of the study overall, this generated some general concern.

SUGGESTIONS
Education
Implementation of campus-wide education, from a variety of sources, on the subjects of safely navigating our campus, whether by vehicle or on foot - in particular, as a regular part of new student/employee orientations. (Possible subjects might include: entering/exiting campus, traffic circle etiquette, dangers and penalties of distracted driving/walking, how to report accidents, who has the right of way and when, etc.)

Off Campus College Transport (OCCT)
OCCT is a much-appreciated campus service, which could be enhanced via implementation of an interactive map that would allow students to follow the route of a bus by phone, so students would know when a bus was running late or early. An alternative would be some form of continuous communication by OCCT to the students, conveying the same information.

Parking Space Size
In an effort to make more parking spaces, some organizations have narrowed the individual spaces – as hit and run accidents are already relatively common on campus, hopefully we will not be following that parking model.

CONCERNS
Pedestrian/Vehicle Interactions
Pedestrian/vehicle interactions are an ongoing concern in general, especially when factoring in dark clothing and distracted driving/walking.
Current and specific pedestrian/vehicle concerns include:
- The area of the new dorms, located outside of the brain - particularly surrounding the area where East Drive intersects with East Access Road and also the entry to Health Services.
- The crosswalk between ITC and Main Campus (on Murray Hill Road) surfaces periodically as a concern (Note: PF works periodically with the Town Engineer to mitigate dangers and is in the process of doing so now).
- The slim, two-lane road entering the lower parking ramp frequently has pedestrians in the driving lanes, often carrying luggage and or musical instruments. There is no sidewalk in this area and often these travelers cross at an angle from Lot D, walking in the driving lane and crossing East Drive, presumably on their ultimate destination of Lot E and/or the East Gym.
- The crosswalk bridging the parking lot(s) access road to the point that parking lots F, F1, F2, and F3 meet. When driving, it is extremely difficult to see pedestrians in the crosswalk until the point one is almost upon the people walking.
- Missing crosswalk where students cross at the exit of lot Q1.
- Poor pedestrian flow from Hinman to the Lecture Hall creates traffic issues due to random and unpredictable crossings on West Drive.
- A variety of bus stop issues in the area of University Union and Academic A & B.

Dim Lighting

Dim lighting is also an ongoing concern, though this is more easily addressed than pedestrian/vehicle challenges. A recurring scenario, however, relates to some instances of construction lighting as a project progresses.

Current and specific dim lighting concerns include:

- Over the course of construction on the University Union building, the Peace Quad had been provided ample lighting provided on the temporary fencing – however, once the fencing was removed, the area was left quite dark. (Opening of the new UU building may ultimately resolve this issue, however.)
- The walkway from Champlain Residence Hall out to Lot S is an area of construction that is not very well lit.
- The stairs between current Johnson & O’Connor, in use as a detour during construction, are poorly lit.

Current and specific dim lighting concerns, unrelated to construction (both in-process with PF):

- The area of Hinman Commons to Paid Parking lot.
- The intersection and crosswalk toward the dock area of the library, especially in the wooded area near the ramp.
V. SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS AND CONCERNS

A screen shot of the “Summary List of Actions and Concerns” appears on the next page.

The list is also posted annually on the PSAC web site, in a format that is more easily viewed and which includes the name of each submitter and the date the submission was received:

Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)
http://www2.binghamton.edu/personal-safety/index.html
## PERSONAL SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSAC) - SUMMARY ACTION AND INCIDENT LIST 2013-14

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VI. DETAILED LOG OF ACTIONS AND CONCERNS

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DETAILED LOG OF ACTIONS AND CONCERNS 2013-14

OPEN SYSTEMIC CONCERNS

None.

OPEN CONCERNS (not reviewed or no solution yet)

HEALTH CENTER GOING OUT TO EAST DRIVE

On Thu, Feb 20, 2014 at 2:27 PM, Ohad Barsimantov <ohad@binghamton.edu> wrote:

Dear Anthony,

As I understand you are the head of the safety committee on campus, and therefore I want to address the concern we have with you.

The East College Entrance road does not have a sidewalk from the East University Entrance until Health Services. As a result, many University pedestrians are forced to walk on the road while entering and exiting from the East College entrance. Vehicles are forced to move against traffic, slow down and sometimes stop until all pedestrians are clear and the potential for an accident is minimized. As the University continues to grow, more pedestrians will use the East College Entrance road which will add to the currently hazardous conditions. All of this is simply due to a missing sidewalk.

Does the university plan on building a side walk from the east entrance to health services in the next
six months?

Please let me know by Wednesday at 4pm, before the next GSO senate meeting. Thank you.

Ohad

On Thu, Feb 20, 2014 at 2:58 PM, Anthony Preus <apreus@binghamton.edu> wrote: I haven't been chair of the PSAC for several years. When I was, we agitated regularly for a sidewalk such as you suggest. Especially when there is a lot of snow, like now, people are forced to walk in the street, sharing it with buses (especially) and cars.

When I left the committee the chair was Bill Ziegler; I'm copying him on this response.

Tony Preus

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From: Ohad Barsimantov [mailto:ohad@binghamton.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 3:18 PM
To: Anthony Preus
Cc: Bill Ziegler
Subject: Re: Safety concern

Anthony,

Thank you.
I was at the environmental and public safety office and they told me to contact you. I hope Bill can help me or direct to the right person.

Thank you.

Ohad

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On Fri, Feb 21, 2014 at 8:28 AM, William L Ziegler <ziegler@binghamton.edu> wrote:

Hello Ohad,

I am forwarding your concern to the new chair of the PSAC, Lisa Havtur. She will get back to you.

Lisa, please let the Environmental and Public Safety Office know that you are the chair so that they do not lead people astray.

Ohad, thank you for letting us know of your concern.

Regards,
Bill Ziegler
FYI TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY:

On Feb 25, 2014 7:52 AM, "Lisa A Havtur" <lhavtur@binghamton.edu> wrote:
Hi Connie,

I hope this finds you well!

The reason I am writing is that, per the e-mail chain below, it seems that the "Environmental and Public Safety Office" directed someone to Tony Preus for assistance with a safety issue (which we are in the process of addressing).

Tony has not been the Chair of PSAC for several years, with Bill Ziegler serving after him and now me! I am not positive that you are the office Ohad BarSimanTov is referring to, but I am guessing you are and I just wanted to send you a quick note so that your folks know there is an updated PSAC team and that I have the honor of serving as chair.

This is the committee's link in case that is helpful.

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Take care,

~Lisa

Lisa Havtur
Human Resources
Binghamton University
On Mon, Feb 24, 2014 at 2:27 PM, Ohad Barsimantov <ohad@binghamton.edu> wrote:

Thank you Bill.

Lisa, Please let me know if the university has a plan on establishing a side walk from the east gate to health services. The GSO senate meeting is on Wednesday and we are going to push forward on this safety concern.

Thank you, Ohad

Sent from Sony Xperia phone

On Feb 26, 2014 7:30 AM, "Lisa A Havtur" <lhavtur@binghamton.edu> wrote:

Good Morning Ohad,

As you may know, the PSAC membership includes representation from Physical Facilities and from University Police, in addition to a variety of Faculty and Professional employees.

Upon receipt of your message, I inquired from the PSAC membership as to any knowledge of plans to install a sidewalk from the East Gate to the Health Center within the next six months, as you requested. What I discovered is that there is no funding, nor any plans in place, to install a sidewalk in this location in the foreseeable future.

Please know that the PSAC will continue to discuss this area at our next meeting and will also include this concern on our annual report, but I wanted to share with you what I learned in time for your meeting this afternoon.

Thank you for your care and attention to campus safety. If there is anything else we can do, feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely,

~Lisa

Lisa Havtur

Human Resources
Binghamton University
On Wed, Mar 5, 2014 at 1:14 PM, Lisa A Havtur <lhavtur@binghamton.edu> wrote:

Hi Ohad,

You may have already explored this option, but in case you and/or your group have not already participated in the online Parking and Transportation survey, you may want to for this purpose. [http://www2.binghamton.edu/administration/trans-parking-study.html](http://www2.binghamton.edu/administration/trans-parking-study.html)

Take care,
~Lisa

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The East College Entrance road does not have a sidewalk from the East University Entrance until Health Services. As a result, many University pedestrians are forced to walk on the road while entering and exiting from the East College entrance. Vehicles are forced to move against traffic, slow down and sometimes stop until all pedestrians are clear and the potential for an accident is minimized. As the University continues to grow, more pedestrians will use the East College Entrance road which will add to the currently hazardous conditions. All of this is simply due to a missing sidewalk.
Hello PSAC,

As you will see below, I sent Ohad a note, encouraging him and/or his GSO group to participate in the campus Parking and Transportation survey regarding this concern, if they hadn't done so already.

Ohad then sent me back an illustrated petition/submission about the issue, designed to submit directly to the Parking and Transportation survey. As I personally share this concern, based on my own driving experiences in the area, I added my name to the petition. I am forwarding it to you in case any of you are interested in submitting your opinion either way.

I elected to share it with you as members of the Safety Committee who may or may not want to voice an opinion through this venue and/or may or may not want to encourage others to do the same.

As ever, thank you for your attention to this and all things safety!

~Lisa

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CROSSWALK / PARKING LOTS F, F1, F2, AND F3

On Mon, Dec 9, 2013 at 5:13 PM, Lisa A Havtur <lhavtur@binghamton.edu> wrote:
I'm so glad you are more comfortable now - we (the committee) are too; the light pole (IN FRONT OF WEST GYM, SEPARATE/RESOLVED ISSUE) definitely makes a positive difference in the area. I am told the new light will be even brighter, but we'll visit again to check it out.

And yes, there is still more to go, especially as we continue to grow. Please feel free to submit other areas of concern and we will keep at it!

Until then, thanks again for your care and attention, and also for your patient persistence with this - all to good end!

Take care,
~Lisa

On Mon, Dec 9, 2013 at 5:21 PM, Ralph R. Miller <rmiller@binghamton.edu> wrote:
Okay, let me give a specific instance. There is a crosswalk bridging the parking lot(s) access road at the point that parking lots F, F1, F2, and F3 meet. I don't walk here myself; rather I drive here. But I find
myself often unable to see pedestrians in the crosswalk until I am almost on top of them.

Ralph

Hi Ralph,

The PSAC is meeting next week; I'll put this on our agenda for spring Campus-by-Night.

Thanks again for your care and attention to these important safety issues.

~Lisa

Lisa Havitur  
Human Resources  
Binghamton University  
PO Box 6000  
Binghamton, NY 13902  
607-777-3734

On Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 2:52 PM, Lisa A Havitur <lhavitur@binghamton.edu> wrote:
Dear Professor Miller,

You may have seen the notice in Dateline about our spring Campus-by-Night tour tomorrow, but I also wanted to extend an invitation to you from the PSAC to join us while we review the area about which you expressed a concern. If you are available and interested, we would be happy schedule the first stop of the tour to be a review of the crosswalk/parking lots F, F1, F2, and F3. The group meets at 7, and we could meet you on site at approximately 7:10-7:15 pm, with anticipated completion by 7:30 pm.

Should tomorrow evening not be convenient, I would be happy to meet with you as committee chair on another evening; possibly including other available committee members.

A third option would be to have the committee evaluate and respond following our standard protocol, and proceeding from there.

Thanks again for submitting your concern to the committee. Please let me know which option works best for you.

Sincerely,

~Lisa

Lisa Havitur  
Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), Chair  
Human Resources  
Binghamton University  
PO Box 6000  
Binghamton, NY 13902
On Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 5:12 PM, Ralph R. Miller <rmiller@binghamton.edu> wrote:
Hi Lisa,

Yes I am interested and available in joining such a tour. But these days it is not yet dark at 7:30. This needs to be done after dark. Are there plans for a walking tour when it is dark. That is what I would like to join.

Cordially, Ralph
Ralph R. Miller rmiller@binghamton.edu

On Tue, Apr 29, 2014 at 9:56 AM, Lisa A Havtur <lhavtur@binghamton.edu> wrote:
Hello Professor,

I’m glad you are interested in joining us while we review the area you have drawn our attention to.

In terms of the level of darkness; research indicates that a large number of pedestrian-vehicle interactions occur at dusk and at dawn. The PSAC's spring evening tour allows us a look at twilight-into darkness scenarios from that perspective. The fall safety tour is always conducted in true darkness. I believe that the combination of these two views of our campus is optimal, although with that being said, the night tour schedule is always open for future member discussion.

As for tonight; I suggested we meet with you as the first stop because it is somewhat difficult to time a meeting with accuracy otherwise; although we would certainly be able to meet up with you as our last stop tonight, if that is agreeable. I would anticipate this would be in the 8:30- 8:45 pm time frame (recognizing it is not full-on dark at that time). If this appeals, I would be happy to call you at the time of our group’s exact ETA if you would provide a phone number.

Another option would be for you to join the committee at the fall tour (2014), usually in October or early November, when optimal darkness is assured.

We look forward to working together on these areas. Please let me know your preference when you can.

Sincerely,
~Lisa

April 29, 2014

Hi Lisa,

Thanks for your reply. Concern especially for dawn and dusk is important. But I noticed last night that at 7 pm it was about as bright as it had been at noon. Dusk begins 8:00-8:15 pm this time of year. I
already have a commitment tonight. So please put me on your calendar to invite to join you on your October/November (2014) tour of campus.

Best regards, Ralph

**PENDING CONCERNS (solution in progress)**

**CROSSWALK BETWEEN ITC AND MAIN CAMPUS (MURRAY HILL ROAD)**

Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 9:40 AM  
Subject: Safety Suggestion  
To: Lisa A Havitur <lhavtur@binghamton.edu>

Lisa! Long time no see or talk, hope all is well!

I wanted to suggest something that may be out of control of the university, I feel that the crosswalk between the ITC and Main Campus (On Murray Hill Road) is somewhat dangerous, there’s not enough signage for drivers to Yield to pedestrians and they often go way too fast.

Sincerely,
Oren

Oren Levi  
Information Services Manager, Research Advancement  
Binghamton University  
Innovative Technologies Complex  
85 Murray Hill Road  
Binghamton, NY 13902  
Tel: 607-777-5681

**COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE, sent 12/09/13:** The Committee requests/recommends that Physical Facilities coordinate with the Town of Vestal (Gary Campo, Town Engineer), the responsible party, as appropriate to address these concerns. Per April 2014 CBN, the collaboration between PF and the Vestal Engineer, continues.

**ENGINEERING BUILDING, DOCK AREA OF THE LIBRARY**

Engineering Building  
Date: 3/1/13
When you pull down toward the dock area of the library, at the intersection, this is very dark and hard to see students if they are crossing the intersection in the cross walk. I hope the pictures will help. I know a light would really help.

From: Robert H Mulcahy [mailto:rmulcahy@binghamton.edu]
Safety Director & Asbestos Coordinator
Physical Facilities

From: Virginia A Bellinger <vbelling@binghamton.edu>
Date: Fri, Feb 1, 2013 at 2:37 AM
Subject: Light

Virginia Bellinger
Supervising Janitor
UU,Fine Arts,
Anderson Center

(607)777-2917
vbelling@binghamton.edu

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE: The committee visited the location, which appeared to be well-lit around the main pedestrian area, although in the orchard area next to the pedestrian ramp, and closer to the road, it was noticed to be quite dark. A request/recommendation will be made to Physical Facilities to follow up on increased lighting for the wooded area.

LOT Q1 EXIT, NO CROSSWALK

William Ziegler <ziegler@binghamton.edu>

to me

Hi Lisa,

For PSAC. We need a crosswalk painted where students cross the exit of lot Q1. That intersection is very busy and very dangerous now due to the opening of Dickinson Community, the new crosswalk on the Brain at that location, and the bus traffic in front of the union. I tried to show the location IN RED on the map below. I use lot Q1 all the time, so I know first-hand that the location has become very dangerous.

Thanks, Bill
Hi Lisa,

During the fall/winter seasons when sundown is much earlier, I’ve noticed that many of the students who attend class and practicum at the Institute for Child Development (ICD) are walking back to dorms, East Gym parking lot, or to the center of campus with limited, if any, lighted pathways. The path from ITC/Biotechnology (Murray Hill Rd) to the Campus Preschool/ICD is well lit; however, once students arrive to ICD/Campus Preschool and need to walk towards the East Gym, there is almost a lack of visibility. There are approximately 80+ undergraduate students who are at ICD every Monday evening
from 6 to 8pm taking classes and many students participate in after school (3-5:30pm) programs up to 4 days per week as part of their practicum experience. So, as you can imagine, there are many students walking in the dark and in areas that are not highly populated during evening hours, which presents as a safety concern. I would love to see additional lighting and possible a call box in this area for our students. If you’d like more information please feel free to contact me at 777-2829.

Best,
Jen

Jennifer Gillis, PhD, BCBA-D
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Associate Director, Institute for Child Development
Binghamton University

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Web: http://icd.binghamton.edu

**COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE** : Recommendation to PF (via Wayne Schneider) to add three lights: one at the crosswalk, one next to the sidewalk going up the hill, and one near the “Child Care & East Gym” sign.

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**HINMAN COMMONS TO PAID PARKING LOT**

On Dec 10, 2013, at 11:13 AM, Lisa A Havtur <lhavtur@binghamton.edu> wrote:

Dear Trisha,

When you first came to campus, I visited you as part of a Workplace Violence Prevention team and you shared with us your concerns regarding the unlit and uneven pathway leading from Hinman Commons to the Paid Parking Lot, indicating you had even fallen yourself there.

Somewhat ironically, I am now the Chair of the Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), where that input ended up! The committee visited the site on our recent biannual evening tour of campus. From our visit, it appeared that the path had been recently paved and that the lighting was adequate, presumably addressed as a matter of course by Physical Facilities.

As the originator of this concern, I am writing to ask if you consider that the recent improvements have fully resolved the issue or if your preference is that the committee keeps it on our agenda for further investigation.

Thank you for your help and also for raising this safety issue for attention.
Sincerely,
~Lisa

Lisa Havitur  
Chair, Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)  
Human Resources  
Binghamton University  
PO Box 6000  
Binghamton, NY 13902  
607-777-3734

On Tue, Dec 10, 2013 at 11:25 AM, Patricia Marrapese <pmarra@binghamton.edu> wrote:  
Hi Lisa,

Thank you so much for following up! The paving of the sidewalk was an absolute improvement. However, after dark, the lighting of the sidewalk from Hinman to the parking lot is still something that many staff members have expressed concern about (myself included). Perhaps Physical Facilities could assess the lighting (after it’s dark) one night? I’d be happy to show them exactly where we are talking about, if you think that would be helpful.

Thank you so much for your continue attention to this request!

Kind regards,  
Trisha

Sent from my iPhone

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Lisa A Havitur <havtur@binghamton.edu>  
Date: Tue, Dec 10, 2013 at 3:58 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Personal Safety Advisory Committee Follow-up - Hinman Commons to Paid Parking Lot Issue  
To: Patricia E Marrapese <pmarra@binghamton.edu>

Hi Trisha,

Thank you for getting right back to me and for letting me know that lighting is still an issue in this area. The PSAC is meeting next week - I’ll request that Physical Facilities get in touch, seeing as it gets dark so early this time of year, getting a good look shouldn’t be a problem.

~Lisa

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE: The committee visited the location, which appears to have been newly paved. Lighting also appeared adequate at this time. Chair will contact the originator of this concern to ensure her satisfaction with these safety improvements, which have apparently been implemented as a matter of course, as opposed to a direct request from the PSAC.
**UPDATE:** Chair spoke with Trisha, who indicates the paving made a big difference, however, the lighting is still causing concerns with folks in the area. Trisha offered to meet with someone from Physical Facilities at a time when it is dark, which should be easy this time of year! I told her I’d request this at the 12/19/13 meeting of the PSAC.

**UPDATE:** Request to PF (via Wayne Schneider) to evaluate/follow-up, per April CBN night tour.

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**BUNN HILL WEST DRIVING AND CROSSING FROM PF TO PARK LOT F2**

**PSAC Suggestion**

Inbox/Personal Safety Comm./PSAC 2013-14

David E Stone <stoned@binghamton.edu>

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Lisa,

Better signage and/or enforcement of speed limit on the entrance road from Bunn Hill to East Drive. Crossing from Physical Facilities to parking lot F2 by the bus stop can be a dangerous spot.

Thanks, David

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**COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE:** In addition to continued, ongoing UPD surveillance of this area, the committee recommends the installation of an electronic speed sign.

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**LONG-TERM CONCERNS**

**HEALTH SERVICES, NEW CONSTRUCTION – FOLLOWING UP ON ORIGINAL SUBMISSION**

Health Services

- Date logged in: 12/1/2011 and again 11/2012

Motorists do not recognize this area as a cross walk for students. The additional distractor of the ever changing construction further complicates things. Students travelling to Health Services are often not feeling their best and therefore not their "sharpest" in terms of noting details of their immediate environment. Couple that with the fact that students are very casual about the way they cross roadways and great concern exists.
Personally I have stood at that crosswalk while several cars at a time have passed with no apparent awareness that a crosswalk exists. This has included personal vehicles, public transportation and University vehicles.

It is concerning. I appreciated your attention to this matter.

Johann Fiore-Conte  
Director of Health & Counseling Services  
Binghamton University  
(607) 777-2221  
FAX: (607) 777-2881  
jmfconte@binghamton.edu

Resolution:  
- Action Taken: Temporary Crosswalks and walkways were better marked  
- When the new Dickinson Community is completed during the summer of 2013, a walkway will be available along East Access Road all the way from Health Services to East/West Drive (the Brain) without pedestrians needing to cross East Access Road. Because CIW students are likely to take a short cut across the parking lot and then across East Access Road, we will review that area once construction is complete.  
- To be completed Summer 2013

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE (Checking in post-Summer 2013): Similar to Item #4, this is also an important campus concern, to be addressed by upcoming external Transportation Study, which will consider the impact of the new construction and emerging and existing traffic patterns within this area of campus.

In the interim, the committee requests continued/ongoing education for the campus community.

NEWING COLLEGE, LIGHTING ALONG EAST DRIVE

Newing College:  
Lighting along East Drive  
- Date logged in: 4/29/13  
From: B. Jean Fairbairn  
Cc: Joy S Tassey; Kathryn N Perry; Andrea M Snyder; Bill Ziegler

Subject: Re: FW: Textbook Information Availability Needed by SSD for the Provision of Alternate Format Textbooks to students with Print-related Disabilities  
I’ve noticed as I drive out, that the night lighting around East Campus Housing is very low. I realize the campus may be using energy-efficient bulbs in street lighting but there have been several occasions on
dark nights when students seem to simply appear in the road, a dangerous situation. I hope others have noticed and raised this concern as well.

Resolution (per 2011-12 annual report)
The Personal Safety Advisory Committee has visited this area due to a couple of others voicing your same concern. Within the next several weeks, the entire lighting situation will change in that area as the East Campus construction project nears completion. Once the sidewalk from Newing College to College in the Woods is completed and the lights installed, that area should appear much brighter at night.

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE: This concern is included with the Fall 2013 CBN agenda for purposes of the committee’s continued follow up of this light installation.

RESIDENCE HALL CROSSWALKS, ESPECIALLY NEW NEWING/DICKINSON/HINMAN COLLEGE AREAS
Suzanne E Howell
Oct 3 (11 days ago)
todebnar, me

Hello,

I would like to raise a safety issue. Now that all the residence halls are located outside the brain it is has become a safety issue for the 6,000 residents who are crossing the street at the same place and time where vehicles are driving.

This has become a particular problem at the New Newing College/New Dickinson Community area and Hinman College. Please consider this issue on your PSAC campus walk.

Thank you for your time,
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Suzanne E. Howell
Director of Residential Life and University Housing
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reslife.binghamton.edu

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE SENT 12/09/13: A broad and significant campus concern, and which is to be addressed by upcoming external Transportation study. This study will consider the impact of the new construction and emerging and existing traffic patterns within this area of campus.
In the interim, the committee requests continued/ongoing education for the campus community.

**NOTE:** Within the 12/9 cover e-mail, it was indicated that as part of an educational component, that pedestrian/driving safety be integrated into student orientations. I also encouraged the submitter and her team to participate in the Transportation Survey and provided the link.

### EAST CAMPUS – NEW DICKINSON/NEWING CROSSING AND DICKINSON/MOHAWK

**PSAC**

**Inbox/Personal Safety Comm./PSAC 2013-14 x**

**Anthony Preus </apreus@binghamton.edu>**

to me

Hi guys!

Now that the buildings in East Campus are all open, and things have settled down, and Spring has Sprung, we do get an idea of some of the issues crossing streets. Basically it looks dangerous to cross from either New Dickinson or New Newing to pretty much anywhere, or to put that another way, for drivers driving anywhere near that area, it's problematic. Specifically between Dickinson and CIW crossing the east access road - students pop out from between parked cars.

Then there's the big crossing between Dickinson and Mohawk - in some ways it's pretty safe because you can see the students but it's problematic because of turning vehicles including buses. And all through that area there are the buses, often on a curve so visibility is not that great.

Enough for now!

Tony

### CLOSED CONCERNS

### WEST GYM, FRONT CROSSWALK

**From:** Ralph R. Miller <rmiller@binghamton.edu>

**Date:** Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 11:00 AM

**Subject:** Campus safety hazard

**To:** Lisa A Havtur <lhavtur@binghamton.edu>, Tracey L Debnar <tdebnar@binghamton.edu>

**Cc:** James R Vanvoorst <vanvoors@binghamton.edu>

Hi,
I am writing (as I have done each year now for a number of years, only to be repeatedly ignored) to call to the attention of the campus safety committee the serious and continuing problem of the crosswalk in front of the West Gym being totally unilluminated despite it's being a point of heavy use by both pedestrians and cars. It is an accident waiting to happen. And I add that when it happens, I will share my now many e-memos to the safety committee over the years with the lawyers for the injured party to help them document overt neglect of personal safety by the university.

Cordially,

Ralph (obviously a frustrated faculty member)

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Distinguished Professor of Psychology  
& Director of Graduate Studies  
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On Mon, Dec 9, 2013 at 3:54 PM, Lisa A Havtur <lhavtur@binghamton.edu> wrote:

Dear Ralph,

Thanks again for writing in response to the Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)'s request for submissions/concerns for the Fall Campus-by-Night tour. I am writing provide the committee's response. Our plan was to visit the area again at the spring tour when the new pole is in place. If you would like to join the group at that time, we would welcome your participation and input. If you feel the matter should be reviewed prior to the spring tour, please let me know and we can make arrangements for that too.

Sincerely,

~Lisa

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Ralph R. Miller <rmiller@binghamton.edu>  
Date: Mon, Dec 9, 2013 at 4:56 PM  
Subject: Re: Campus safety hazard  
To: Lisa A Havtur <lhavtur@binghamton.edu>

Hi Lisa,

Thanks for your reply. It seems that after two decades that the immediate problem that I see daily is being addressed. But I do point out that there are many other unlit pedestrian crossings on campus. Ideally, they should all be illuminated.

Best regards, Ralph
COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE sent 12/9/13: A pole and lighting are now in place, adding much illumination to this area. This pole, however, is a temporary one, borrowed from Physical Facilities – as the permanent fixture, ordered from the factory, has not yet arrived. The new pole will be installed when received and is reported to be even brighter than the one in place now. The committee will visit the location at the spring Campus-by-Night tour.

NOTE: Within the 12/9 response, employee was invited to join the committee for the Spring CBN tour (when the new pole is placed) and/or to request we view the area before that time if he had ongoing concerns.

COMMITTEE’S FOLLOWUP VISIT (April 2014): Permanent pole is in place and the committee agrees that the illumination is no longer a concern.

ANDERSON CENTER, CENTRAL CAMPUS QUAD, SIDE ENTRANCE AND WALKWAY

Daniel W Sonnen

Oct 4 (10 days ago)

to me

Hi Lisa,
I happened to notice that today they installed new lighting into the area I emailed you about. I guess you can cross this off the tour or still walk through and see how good of job was done. Thank you,

Daniel W. Sonnen
Assistant Technical Director
Anderson Center for The Arts
607-777-2531

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE 12/9/13: The committee visited the location and we agree – it appears that the newly installed lighting has sufficiently addressed this issue.
ANDERSON CENTER BOX OFFICE/RESTROOMS

From: Roxanne Eggleston [mailto:r-eggleston@stny.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 4:17 PM
To: ziegler@binghamton.edu
Subject: concern about a safety issue

I work in the Anderson Center Box Office. The Box Office is the only occupied space in this part of the building. We are isolated and do not get a lot of traffic in our building. As with most buildings on campus the doors do not get locked until 11 PM. I have some concerns about the restrooms. They can be locked from the inside. Being dark and secluded, this makes an ideal location for an abduction. That of course, is worst case scenario. There is nothing preventing anyone from taking up residence in the restrooms, several years ago we actually found someone who was actually living backstage.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions
Sincerely,
Roxanne Eggleston
Anderson Center Box Office Assistant
regglest@binghamton.edu
ph 607-777-2741

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE of 12/09/13: The committee visited the location to view the area of concern. As the physical set up of the area is not easily changed, however, the committee recommends ongoing and continued personal safety awareness and ongoing mitigation efforts, such as open communication between staff and department management about safety concerns, such as leaving lights on for safety, carrying a cell phone, and consideration of the “buddy” system during off hours. Further recommended is the regular review by department members of campus emergency response and reporting procedures, including the location of the fire alarm pulls – which are located close to the restrooms.

Note: It was suggested in the cover e-mail that this message be shared with department management and that consideration be made to requesting a UPD safety consultation for the department.
Hi Lisa,

I'm following up on the Workplace Violence Prevention walk through for the Champlain Residence Hall. They are concerned with the dim lighting on the walkway out to parking Lot S. If you have any questions or need any more information please contact either Sara or I.

Thank you.

**COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE:** (to Afton Fahey/Sara Declemente-Hammoud per WPVP) The committee visited the location and although lighting will likely be addressed in the long-term construction plan, transitional lighting should be considered for the shorter term and a recommendation/request has been made to Physical Facilities to follow up to this regard.

**UPDATE:** On the PF agenda for review/recommendation, with an estimated date of completion 1/31/2014.

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**SCIENCE III, WALKWAY/RAMP TO BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

Workplace Violence Prevention - PSAC Information

Inbox/Personal Safety Comm./PSAC 2013-14 x

Afton E Fahey

Sep 27

to me, Sara

Hi Lisa,

I'm following up on the Workplace Violence Prevention walk through for Biological Sciences. Curt Pueschel and Laurie Bell are the two contacts for this area. They are concerned with the LED lighting outside the main entrance (I think it is Science III). And they would like to look into getting a mirror for the exterior wheelchair ramp. If you have any questions or need any more information please contact either Sara or I.

Thank you.

**COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE (by phone 12/10/13):** Chair had spoken with Laurie Bell, of the Green House, prior to the committee’s night tour. Laurie indicated the LED lighting was actually okay at night, rather it was on cloudy, dark days that the lighting was insufficient. The committee visited the location and agreed it would be low to no cost to keep the lights on 24 hours a day to ensure adequate lighting and Physical Facilities will make that change.

The committee also agrees that, due to the unique structural configuration of this particular wheelchair ramp, the addition of an exterior mirror makes sense and a request/recommendation will be made to Physical Facilities to this regard.
UPDATE: PF has indicated that the LED lighting already is on 24 hours a day, so investigation will be made into the possibility of installing higher wattage LEDs.

The exterior mirror has been installed. Chair contacted Laurie Bell, who indicates the mirror is helpful, but repeated her thought that the lighting on gloomy days (of which we have many) the lighting is still not as good as it might be. PF is working on the final details of this issue.

EAST GYM AND FIT SPACE LIGHTING (FOLLOW UP TO PREVIOUS CAMPUS-BY NIGHT VISIT)

East Gym and Fit Space lighting
• Date: 4/30/12
The East Gym resident parking is in the back of the East Gym, where there is an entire wall of trees blocking anyone from view if they wished to conceal themselves, it is not well lit, there are two shortcut areas that would make it seem a little safer that are blocked off so you have to walk where almost no light reaches, and the parking in the front of the gym is for commuters only from 7am - 6 pm. While that does leave some time open for students to park in the front during hours when it is dark very late at night or very early in the morning, there are still times when students are forced to park there when it is dark. For instance my suite and I go to the gym at 6:10 in the morning and leave at 7:15. This means that we still have to park in the back where there is no one around and still dark. This makes us increasingly uncomfortable, and our parents are going to be emailing parking services at a later date to voice their concerns about our safety on campus as well.

Rachelann Tripp  (rtripp2@binghamton.edu)
• Responsible Party (name and email contact): Physical Facilities
• Action Taken: PSAC met with reps. from Fit Space, Parking Services, and OCCT. Recommendations included improved shuttle service, new lighting, alternate parking restrictions/accommodations.
• Decision is to cut back shrub/tree growth away from that area to provide a more open environment for pedestrians. Also, as new lighting is installed on the path along the tennis courts to ITC, then that should provide residual light to the area of concern

• This area should be reviewed again fall 13.

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE: Per prior committee request, the committee revisited this location (fall 2013 CBN), which now appears to be very well lit. In addition, Physical Facilities has significantly trimmed the shrub/tree growth back in the area. The original submitter will be advised that the committee now considers these concerns as addressed, unless she advises otherwise.
BACK ENTRANCE OF THE EVENTS CENTER

Per Pat Elliott’s request, received through Sara Declemente-Hammoud in HR.

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE: The committee visited the location and believes the term “back entrance” refers to the parking lot side of the building that is quite poorly lit. A request will be made to Physical Facilities for consideration of improved lighting for this area. PF, via Wayne Schneider, advises a resolution is in process.

PEACE QUAD LIGHTING (TRANSITIONAL/CONSTRUCTION)

On Thu, Oct 17, 2013 at 2:12 PM, Sarah A Glose <sglose1@binghamton.edu> wrote:

Good afternoon!

I know I will see you in an hour for our meeting, but I just wanted to alert you to something I came across last night.
Now that the fences around the Peace Quad have been taken down, that area of campus is very dark. The cross walk that is right in front of Couper and extends towards the Union in a diagonal has no lighting of its own, and is relying on the lighting from surrounding areas, which is not very much. There may be plans to put more lights up, but in the meantime it does not feel very safe.

You may have already been informed of this, but I just wanted to send a quick email!

-Sarah

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE: The committee visited the location on the evening of 10/17/13. Although lighting will likely be addressed in the long-term construction plan, since the removal of the construction fencing the area is poorly lit and transitional lighting should be considered for the shorter term. A recommendation/request will be made to Physical Facilities to follow up to this regard. Update April 2014 CBN, shows that with the removal of the fencing, the illumination from inside the surrounding buildings is now adequate.

MOUNTAINVIEW – SERVICE VEHICLE S IN THE FIRE Lanes

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Kevin,

I am forwarding your concern to the Personal Safety Advisory Committee.

Bill
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Subject: Fire lanes at Mountainview

There are fire lanes located in front of Marcy Hall and the Appalachian Building in Mountainview College. I assume that the fire lanes are there because someone considered them necessary for the fire trucks and other emergency vehicles to access the Mountainview buildings.

I seldom pass by the fire lanes when there is not at least one service vehicle parked there. Often the entire space is filled. Vans are often parked directly in front of the pipes that come out of the building for the fire fighters to connect their hoses to. I have attached three photos from last week. You will notice that both the University service personnel as well as vendors park in the area. I have never seen a vehicle ticketed for parking in this space.

If the space is not needed for fire safety, should the University repaint the lines to denote that the space is reserved for service vehicles? If the space is needed for fire safety and access by first responders, are the service vehicles not posing a risk? Could this also be a liability issue for the University?

NOTE: In putting together this report, I (Lisa Havtur, Chair) realized that although I distinctly recall the committee discussing this concern, I was not able to find evidence of our follow-up. I contacted PSAC
member and Deputy Chief of Police, Madeline Bay. Deputy Chief Bay’s recollection was that this would be followed up via Parking Services – she volunteered to verify that that was the case. Below is her update, provided 6/17/14.

Madeline A Bay

10:18 AM (5 minutes ago)
to me

Lisa,

I spoke to Joe Wlostowski and Sue Crane today. Sue stated that she had contacted Wayne Schneider and Mike Kukuwa from Physical Facilities as well as Sodexo staff and let them know that vehicles parked in those spaces would be subject to ticketing and/or towing. She stated that for PF staff, they would somehow ticket the driver of the vehicle (since it would be a State vehicle).

UPD has also been reminded to enforce this area with regular and/or warning tickets, depending upon the vehicle (state vs. vendor).

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CLOSED SYSTEMIC CONCERNS

DIGMAN AND COLLEGE-IN-THE-WOODS (CIW) – ARSON CONCERN

This concern was brought to me (Lisa Havtur, committee chair) in person, by Tracey Sun (then a student, now an employee), early in April 2014. Tracey shared with me her concern about activities involving two late-night fire alarms at Digman and College-in-the Woods. The two incidents so similar and so close together, raised in her mind a worry about arson.

PSAC member and Deputy Chief Madeline Bay, along with several other PSAC members, was aware of these alarms and advised that the specifics of these two incidents were being investigated by University Police.

COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE: Deputy Chief Madeline Bay confirmed that these incidents investigated and found to be isolated incidents, as opposed to confirmed arson. Tracey Sun works in HR with committee chair (Lisa Havtur) and was advised of this determination verbally.

PAID PARKING LOTS ACCIDENTS

Parking

Inbox/Personal Safety Comm./PSAC 2013-14

Lori A Fuller <loriv@binghamton.edu>

Apr 22
Good Morning,

I would like to bring up the issue of my car getting hit in the paid parking lot more than once and in different parking spots. It was hit in October when working homecoming and it was hit again a couple of weeks ago. The one in October the person contacted me the next day telling me who they were and handled the fix of it appropriately. The second person destroyed the side of my car and took off. No note, nothing. I am responsible for $500.00 coverage in that claim and do not feel that is fair seeing that I was in work and had no part of it.

That lot is a paid gated lot and still people are allowed to hit your car and get away with it? I understand that there are cameras only directed near the building. If the charge for the year is average $450.00 shouldn’t there be something better available to the people that park there?

It is hard enough to have people ding your doors and find dents every day. But when there is this much damage there should be some recourse.

Thank you for addressing my concerns.

Sincerely,

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COMMITEE’S RESPONSE: The committee discussed this submission at considerable length and all empathized with the submitter’s frustration. Such occurrences are campus-wide and because of that, a specific recommendation was made through the campus PSAC Parking and Transportation input document (included separately within this report) to maintain parking slot size, as slimming them down in order to create a larger number may increase damage to cars in paid parking areas.

Beyond the parking space recommendation, the committee determined, unfortunately, that this is a matter of personal accountability as opposed to a matter that can be resolved within the scope of the Personal Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC).
Conclusion

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