

The Vassar Student Association Resolution 27-3
A Resolution Concerning Security Priorities on Campus

WHEREAS The VSA Council applauds the work of Vassar's Safety and Security officers and administrators, and affirms the student's commitments to improving the safety of our campus.

WHEREAS The VSA has, through personal communication, review of past polling data, and review of the 2012 Security Technology Master Plan, organized what it views are the student's priorities for improving security and sense of security on campus.

WHEREAS Past data collected independently by faculty and student groups indicates consistent discomfort with certain areas of campus, and at certain times of the day. Students report unfamiliarity with Safety and Security structure, communication channels, grievance processes, and operating plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Dean of the College Division incorporate the following suggestions into their long-term security plan:

1. That maintenance of outdoor lighting, especially on paths, be prioritized and completed within a set time period.
2. That the College incorporates plans to widen paths and improve outdoor lighting into their Campus Master Plan, and communicate that plan to students. Lighting improvements should be prioritized around parking lots, TA/TH paths, and dorm basements, where students report the highest level of discomfort.
3. That increases in surveillance or changes in Access Control only be considered with appropriate input from the student body.
4. That additional emergency blue-lights be installed on campus, with one blue-light within sight from another at a minimum.
5. That Safety and Security develop a plan to communicate crucial information on its organization, composition, goals, and grievance processes to the Vassar student body through postings, emails, educational videos, and Orientation education.
6. That the College develops a core Safety and Security Mission. This Mission should focus on the commitment to both protecting and providing a sense of protection for the students, faculty, and staff.