

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

WHEREAS, the VSA Student Life Committee 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.

WHEREAS, 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 the College develops an Access Control Plan, but that universal card access to dorms is preserved for students, as this is a crucial component of the Vassar residential experience.
2. That maintenance of outdoor lighting, especially on paths, be prioritized and completed within a set time period.
3. 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.
4. That the addition of surveillance cameras to outdoor areas, especially gates and entryways to campus, be considered with appropriate input on behalf of students.
5. That additional emergency blue-lights be installed on campus, with one blue-light within sight from another at a minimum
6. 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.
7. That, utilizing existing or newly created committees, the college consolidates student, faculty, staff, and professional opinions into a core Safety and Security Philosophy. This Philosophy should center on the commitment to both protecting and providing a sense of protection to the most valuable assets of Vassar: the students, faculty, and staff.