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**Finance and Service Committee
School of Arts and Sciences**

MINUTES for February 7, 2006
Olin Conference Room, 12:30 – 1:45PM

Committee Members Present: Dexter Boniface, Larry Eng-Wilmot, Eric Fraser, Scott Hewit, Dick James (Secretary), Udeth Lugo, Dorothy Mays (Chair), Lynn Penyak
Guests: Ken Miller, George Herbst

I. New Business:

a. Campus Security Update:

- i) Ken Miller (Directory, Campus Security) presented the status of the Campus Security Department since he became Director in April 2005
- ii) The type of officer now being recruited must be more “people-oriented” to fit with Ken’s change of philosophy from “military/policing” to “customer service”. He has concentrated on building better relationships with the Residential Life Department as well as the Student Body to affect the change of philosophy. Some of the new changes include empowering the Residential Advisors and Greek House Managers to police their own buildings. His officers no longer patrol the Residential floors although they still walk through the Library and all classroom buildings. Ken personally holds meetings with the various student organizations to explain what is required of them especially the Senior leaders. Eric agreed that the Greeks feel very comfortable with Ken’s philosophy and feel that there has been an improved relationship with Campus Security.
- iii) Ken stated that he has hired a fourth full-time Dispatch Officer for the weekends to ensure better coverage. Each shift now has a Supervisor, a Dispatch Officer and two Security Officers. There are three female officers and five bilingual officers now in the Department. All officers are cross-trained to serve as either Dispatch or Security Officers.
- iv) New programs initiated since Ken started include the Bike Patrol, a Student Appeals Committee for parking tickets, and (starting this Summer) RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) training for his officers – which will then be available to student groups during the next academic year. The Bike Patrol received the same training as the WP Police Department and functions like that Department. Ken noted that the Bike Patrol is only used during daylight hours.
- v) Ken discussed the details of the thefts that occurred over the Winter Break. Their investigation has identified fewer than 10 potential suspects. The WP Police Department has taken over the investigation now.
- vi) Due to these thefts, the exterior doors of all Residential Buildings are being re-keyed. There will only be one key that can be used to open these doors and Ken has it. All others must use their R-card including House Keeping and Facilities people. During all future Breaks, the R-card access system will be de-activated. Ken also plans to communicate more with the Student Body prior to the Breaks to remind them how to protect their property. A secure storage area is being considered for students to further protect their property during Breaks. George

- mentioned that student property insurance is also being examined. At the suggestion of the Committee, Ken will provide more information to the campus community on security issues including reporting on incidents and the resolution of these incidents. It is surmised this will keep the rumors down to a minimum. In addition, articles in the *Sandspur* should help students gain an awareness of the need to protect their private (and expensive) property.
- vii) In areas on campus that contain expensive equipment, a new alarm system is being installed. The Security Office monitors this system (it is not monitored by an off-campus service). George also mentioned that the Security Office has a direct radio channel with the WP Police Department. All 911 calls are reported via this communication channel back to the Security Office. George also stated that WPPD's Lakes Patrol boat house will be located behind Sutton Place.
 - viii) Ken also discussed the idea of using CCTV in certain public areas on campus to possibly reduce thefts and other incidents. He discussed both the pros and cons for using these systems and reassured the Committee that currently there are no plans to implement such a system. He is just raising the idea and seeking inputs.

The next meeting will be next Tuesday, 21 March, at 12:30 in the Olin Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick James, Secretary