

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Graduate School Campus Safety Task Force

**Report and Recommendations
Board of Trustees meeting
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Charge

- Investigate campus safety concerns/issues of enrolled graduate and professional students
- Provide recommendations for increasing safety and addressing concerns of this student population

Actions

- Review of actions already in motion to enhance campus safety
- Review of other campus safety groups collecting similar information
- Discuss campus safety from committee member perspective
- Create and circulate electronic survey to all enrolled graduate/professional students
- Analyze survey data
- Prepare recommendations for Board of Trustees and Chancellor

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2008 Graduate and Professional Student Campus Safety Survey: 937 responses

Q.1: Do you live in on-campus student housing or in off-campus housing?

Q.2: What is your current academic level?

Q.3: What graduate program and/or School are you getting your degree from?

Q.4: What mode (s) of transportation do you most commonly use to get to campus?

Q.5: Please list your top 3 safety concerns as a graduate/professional student on the UNC Chapel Hill campus.

Q.6: What can the campus do to improve safety - please rank from most important (1) to not important at all (5).

Q.7: Please provide any other suggestions or comments pertaining to campus safety.

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2008 Graduate and Professional Student Campus Safety Survey

Do you live in on-campus student housing or in off-campus housing?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
On-campus	7.5%	70
Off-campus	92.5%	861
<i>answered question</i>		931
<i>skipped question</i>		6

What mode (s) of transportation do you most commonly use to get to campus?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Drive and park on campus	29.3%	274
Park and ride	22.1%	206
Public transportation (off-campus transits)	51.9%	485
Bicycle	16.1%	150
Walk	23.2%	217
Other (please specify)	5.4%	50
<i>answered question</i>		934
<i>skipped question</i>		3

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What can the campus do to improve safety - please rank from most important (1) to not important at all (5).

Answer Options	1 most important	2	3	4	5 not important at all	Rating Average	Response Count
Enhanced campus lighting	370	331	139	54	23	1.941112	917
More police presence/visibility	267	317	229	57	42	2.221491	912
Graduate student late night shuttles/buses	456	248	110	68	33	1.878689	915
Additional Parking	442	190	120	82	70	2.057522	904
Door alarms/key card access to all buildings	244	245	243	105	61	2.436526	898
Training/Safety education programs	31	120	263	311	170	3.524022	895
Specific Graduate and Professional Student Orientation on safety issues	28	112	259	276	212	3.599775	887
						Other (please specify)	142
						<i>answered question</i>	929
						<i>skipped question</i>	8

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Open-ended responses

Top safety concerns of graduate/professional students on the UNC Chapel Hill campus.

Pedestrian Safety: 874	Parking/Shuttles: 456	Lighting: 278	Building Access: 176	Miscellaneous: 280
Pedestrian - night Pedestrian - day Bicyclist Construction Bus rider Driver	On-campus Community parking Shuttles Escorts	Bus stops Walkways throughout campus Parking lots McCorkle Place Park & Ride lots Schools and buildings: Pharmacy, Dentistry, Davie Hall, Kenan Flagler, Lineberger	Open doors after hours No emergency phones No police patrols Theft from offices	Police presence Being robbed/mugged Off campus concerns Blue safety light boxes Indoor hot-line phones Library Safety Classroom violence Sexual assault Car theft/break-ins Harassment Self defense classes Information dissemination Security cameras

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Recommendations

Transportation:

- Increase night and weekend bus services
- Clarify P-to-P shuttle service policies
 - allow spouses and children to ride
 - allow to serve park and ride lots after regular buses stop running
- Open additional campus parking lots and garages after 5 pm for graduate student parking
- Publicize (DTH, website, etc.) when night parking areas are reserved/closed for special events
- Negotiate with the town of Chapel Hill to have [at least] one downtown parking lot (i.e., Rosemary Street, University Square, etc.) designated for graduate students after 5 pm [with provided shuttle service looping between campus sites and downtown lot]

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Recommendations

Pedestrian:

- Examine construction projects that cut off sidewalks/crosswalks and remedy
- Make crosswalks more visible (signs, flashers, etc.)
- Enforce speeding and crosswalk violations; communicate concerns to bus drivers and transit authorities
- Implement night escort service to accompany students to campus parking lots and bus stops
- Re-examine intersection of Columbia and Mason Farm for crosswalk vs. vehicle traffic
- Provide dental students access through MacNider Hall to reduce crossing Manning Drive
- Increase bicycle safety and consider more bike lanes

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Recommendations

Public Safety:

- Increase campus/building patrols by campus police so students see their presence
- Educate students and staff on the importance of keeping buildings locked after 5 pm
- Install card access systems with alarms on all buildings

Lighting:

- Install more blue lights/call boxes around the medical/research side of campus
- Review and increase lighting at bus stops
- Review lighting at specified areas (walkways, McCorkle Place, on-campus housing, etc.)