



University Town Hall Meeting

April 16, 2007 Initiatives and Recommendations

March 19, 2008



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Opening Comments



History of Process

- Requested Governor to commission an independent review (April – August, 2007)
- Appointed (3) internal review groups (May – August, 2007):
 - Security Infrastructure (Hyatt)
 - Information and Communications Infrastructure (Blythe)
 - Interface Between Virginia Tech Counseling Service, Academic Affairs, Judicial Affairs and Legal Systems (Niles)
- Developed matrix linking recommendations from Governor's Review Panel and the three internal review groups (September 2007)



History of Process (continued)

- Appointed (2) advisory committees (Sept. – Oct. 2007):
 - Committee on Human Dimensions (Hikes)
 - Committee on Security and Infrastructure (Sorensen)
- Assigned Project Manager (Stewart)
- Academic Council reviewed recommendations (Oct. 2007)
- Presented recommendations to the Board of Visitors (November 2007)
- Policy Group ranked recommendations/initiatives; developed cost estimates and implementation timeline (December 2007 – March 2008)



History of Process (continued)

- Approximately 400 recommendations
- Grouped into 33 major initiatives areas
- Includes 17 prioritized initiatives areas for immediate action, some already substantially implemented
- Even as recommendations were being evaluated, we began implementation of some early last summer



Substantially Implemented Initiatives

- VT Alerts
- Student Rescue Squad Reporting Relationship
- Locking Hardware



Substantially Implemented Initiatives

- Secured Student Mail
- Threat Assessment Team



Substantially Implemented Initiatives

- Reporting and Helping Distressed Students
- Engaging and Assisting Students



Substantially Implemented Initiatives

- Emergency Preparedness – Planning
- Organizational Structure

Example of One Initiatives Area – VT Alerts

Reference Number	Recommendation
VT.C.107	Continue to make students and employees aware of the VT Alerts Automated Notification System and the importance of providing accurate information to the VT Alerts subscription service.
VT.C.142	Require every eligible subscriber (faculty, staff, and students) to either opt-in or opt-out of VT Alerts automated notification system.
VT.C.143	Work with Virginia Tech Police to determine if individuals from outside Virginia Tech (law enforcement and first responders) should be included in the VT Alerts Automated Notification System.
VT.C.147	Provide kiosks throughout the campus and encourage their use for subscribing to VT Alerts Automated Notification System.
VT.C.146	Continue to have personal information in VT Alerts Automated System provided and maintained only by the subscriber.
VT.C.108	Educate students and employees about the importance of providing accurate personal information.
VT.S.55	Mass notification methods were significantly improved with the university's purchase of an upgraded emergency notification system post April 16th; this system has officially been branded "VT Alerts." VT Alerts was launched on July 2, 2007.
VT.C.116	Use various online processes to present opportunities for people to update their personal information.



Prioritized Initiatives

- ❖ Risk Assessment
- ❖ Emergency Preparedness – Training
- ❖ Drills
- ❖ Violence Prevention Policy
- ❖ Public Safety Building with 911 Dispatch Center



Prioritized Initiatives

- ❖ Privacy Laws and Information Sharing
- ❖ Emergency Notification
- ❖ Banner Textual Display System
- ❖ University Management of Personal Information



Prioritized Initiatives

- ❖ New Campus Information Architecture
- ❖ Information Technology Emergency Resource Planning
- ❖ Network Infrastructure



Phase II Initiatives

- Integrating Person-Location Information
- Interim Suspension
- VT Police Department equipment and communications upgrades
- First Responder Radio Communications
- Safety – Self Reporting
- Campus Well-being



Phase II Initiatives

- LCD Message Boards
- Management System for Authentication and Authorized Access
- Information Technology Support Services
- Building Card Access
- Protocol and Policy
- CCTV Surveillance System



Closing

- Funding
- Website Links
 - President's Website (links to 3 internal reports):
<http://www.president.vt.edu>
 - Link to Governor's Virginia Tech Review Panel Report:
<http://www.vtreviewpanel.org/report/index.html>