



**UNIVERSITY OF  
GEORGIA**  
Student Government Association

**Resolution 32-02**

**A Resolution Regarding SGA's Prioritization of Areas on Campus in Need of New or Upgraded Lighting**

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*Abstract: Representatives of the Student Government Association have identified key areas in need of lighting during a Campus Safety Night Walk Tour that should be prioritized by the UGA administration.*

WHEREAS, key areas on campus do not have proper lighting to promote safety and deter crime and do not receive the attention from the University of Georgia (UGA) they need, and;

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association (SGA) prioritizes campus safety, especially with recent criminal events putting students in danger on and off campus,<sup>1</sup> and;

WHEREAS, students deserve to feel safe on their campus at all times and an unsafe environment hampers academic success and social development; and,

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<sup>1</sup> Burns, A. S. (2019, April 22). UGA victim ID'd as lacrosse player; police release sketch of alleged shooter. *Atlanta Journal Constitution*. Retrieved from <https://www.ajc.com/news/breaking-news/breaking-uga-student-shot-after-armed-robbery-near-campus/8vCKG166NTiMpDVJ7E098I/>

WHEREAS, Senators within SGA have explored options to improve lighting on campus and have passed legislation in the past to tackle lightning issues on campus;<sup>234</sup> and,

WHEREAS, members of SGA's 32<sup>nd</sup> administration attended a Campus Safety Night Tour, organized by the UGA Police and Grounds Department, to assess firsthand the quality and quantity of lighting on campus as well as identify weak spots; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA representatives on this tour have put together their own list of key areas that need to be addressed as soon as possible by the administration; and,

WHEREAS, these key areas will be listed out and identified within the rest of this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, Herty Field is a popular location with students both during the day and evening hours; and,

WHEREAS, Herty Field, though with lamps, is not adequately lit and often lamps go out without bulbs being replaced for some time, and;

WHEREAS, the lighting on Herty Field would be more efficient and sustainable as Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lights;<sup>5</sup> and,

WHEREAS, the side of Creswell along Cloverhurst Avenue is very dark due to the lighting being spaced out too far nor being upgraded to LED; and,

WHEREAS, the street is both unsafe for pedestrians and drivers, as pedestrians cannot be easily seen thus increasing the risk of danger to both parties; and,

WHEREAS, students from Creswell, Brumby, and Russell often must cross the crosswalks along this section Cloverhurst Avenue in order to make the journey to the main campus; and,

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<sup>2</sup> UGA SGA Senate Resolution 30-04 [https://sga.uga.edu/uploads/docs/Resolution\\_30-04.pdf](https://sga.uga.edu/uploads/docs/Resolution_30-04.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> UGA SGA Senate Resolution 30-13 [https://sga.uga.edu/uploads/docs/Resolution\\_30-13.pdf](https://sga.uga.edu/uploads/docs/Resolution_30-13.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> UGA SGA Senate Resolution 31-07  
[https://sga.uga.edu/uploads/docs/Resolution\\_31-07\\_Crosswalk\\_East\\_Campus\\_SIGNED.pdf](https://sga.uga.edu/uploads/docs/Resolution_31-07_Crosswalk_East_Campus_SIGNED.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> CAES Office of Information Technology. (n.d.). Impact Statements Database: IntraNet CAES. Retrieved from [https://secure.caes.uga.edu/impactstatements/index.cfm?referenceInterface=BRIEF&subInterface=detail\\_main&PK\\_ID=4172](https://secure.caes.uga.edu/impactstatements/index.cfm?referenceInterface=BRIEF&subInterface=detail_main&PK_ID=4172)

WHEREAS, the parking lots of Creswell are too dark to promote safety and are a safety hazard due to the abundance of students that park their cars in these lots or simply walk through to reach their dormitories; and,

WHEREAS, Driftmier Engineering Center does not have adequate lighting and is often overlooked due to its location in South Campus; and,

WHEREAS, engineering students are forced to travel in inadequate lighting during evening classes; and,

WHEREAS, the lighting along Brooks Drive that turns into Agriculture Drive is sparse and dim; and,

WHEREAS, this lighting discourages students from frequenting the area and utilizing the space, because it does not promote a safe environment; and,

WHEREAS, many students are now having to park at the Intramural fields due to a lack of parking around campus;<sup>6</sup> and,

WHEREAS, these students often have to walk to East Campus Village (ECV) from the Intramural Fields and/or walk back from campus to their parked cars in the dark; and,

WHEREAS, students living in East Campus Village often walk to the Intramural Fields to participate in activities; and,

WHEREAS, these students cannot safely travel along River Road leading into East Campus Village from College Station Road due to a lack of lighting and lit pedestrian crosswalks; and,

WHEREAS, the section of River Road starting at East Campus Road behind Sanford Stadium and leading into ECV along the Oconee River is dark due to a lack of lighting and the absence of LED lights; and,

WHEREAS, bikers are especially at risk along the dark road due in combination to the darkness, lack of biking lanes, and curves shortening visibility; and,

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<sup>6</sup> Soriano, A. (2018, August 23). UGA students irritated by too few spaces, parking lot construction. *The Red and Black*. Retrieved from [https://www.redandblack.com/uganews/uga-students-irritated-by-too-few-spaces-parking-lot-construction/article\\_8d0a0098-a658-11e8-bf74-931e34b7a0ff.html](https://www.redandblack.com/uganews/uga-students-irritated-by-too-few-spaces-parking-lot-construction/article_8d0a0098-a658-11e8-bf74-931e34b7a0ff.html)

WHEREAS, this section of River Road is frequented by students and guests due to it being near the UGA Visitors Center, UGA Testing Facilities, and Greek Park; and,

WHEREAS, the areas of concern are as follows: Herty Field, Cloverhurst Avenue beside Creswell Hall, Creswell Hall Parking Lot, Driftmier Engineering Center, Brooks Drive to Agriculture Drive, portion of River Road leading into ECV from College Station Road, and the portion of River Road leading into ECV from East Campus Road along the Oconee River; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned areas are in need of attention from the Grounds Department and administration in order to promote a safe and secure campus; and,

WHEREAS, these aforementioned areas will not be improved unless the University invests even more in lighting and prioritizes these areas in particular; and,

WHEREAS, the administration of the University of Georgia is working to invest more in campus safety such as their investment of around \$2 million into lighting and security cameras;<sup>7</sup> and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 32<sup>nd</sup> administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, encourages the administration of the University of Georgia to prioritize the key areas listed in this resolution; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government Association continues to ask and encourage the University to invest more in campus lighting; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all existing lighting in these areas, as well as the entire campus, should be replaced with LED lighting to increase their overall efficiency and sustainability; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Student Government requests that the administration of the University of Georgia consider the areas mentioned within this resolution as top priorities during the next round of campus lighting improvements.

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<sup>7</sup> Guzman, F. (2019, July 15). UGA invests \$2 million in lighting and security enhancements. *The Red and Black*. Retrieved from [https://www.redandblack.com/uganews/uga-invests-million-in-lighting-and-security-enhancements/article\\_55f73584-a6b7-11e9-9204-8bf2404edf94.html](https://www.redandblack.com/uganews/uga-invests-million-in-lighting-and-security-enhancements/article_55f73584-a6b7-11e9-9204-8bf2404edf94.html)