



CITY OF DUNWOODY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Warren Hutmacher, City Manager

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Subject: Creation of a Town and Gown Committee

Dunwoody is home to Georgia Perimeter College. The College has approximately 9,500 students on the Dunwoody campus as well as a significant amount of faculty, employees and contractors that enter and exit the campus six days a week. The College is located in the middle of a single family residential neighborhood.

While the College is an enormous asset to the community, its location, the traffic it generates and other issues that are incidental to an academic institution of higher learning have created tension and frustration on the part of our citizens.

There are no immediate plans for the college to reduce enrollment or relocate classroom space to another location. It is common practice for communities that are home to large colleges and universities to have a formalized methodology to deal with issues that arise that are of interest to both the college and the community. These are typically referred to as "Town and Gown" efforts.

I recommend the establishment of a formal "Town and Gown" Committee by Resolution of the City of Dunwoody. The committee would be comprised of the following members:

Ten representatives appointed by the City of Dunwoody to include:

- 2 members of the City Council
- City Manager
- Police Chief
- Public Works Director
- 5 neighborhood representatives
(living within a reasonable distance of the campus appointed by Mayor and approved by the City Council, serving three year terms).

Ten appointees from the Georgia Perimeter College (makeup of the committee at the discretion of the College) who will likely include:

- President of the College
- Public Safety Representative from College
- Plant Director from College
- Faculty representative
- Student Government Representative
- Alumni or employees who also live in Dunwoody

I recommend that the Committee be instructed to meet quarterly to discuss issues of mutual interest as well as at any time that an issue is urgent.