

To President Dahl,

The following signatures represent students, faculty, staff members, alumni, and members of the campus community here at SUNY Geneseo who object to the policy announced on Friday, April 20, 2007 in which you unilaterally authorized university police officers to carry firearms at all times while on duty.

As your letter to the campus community insisted, there has been no recent change in the overall safety here at SUNY Geneseo that would necessitate such an increase in armed officers. In general, an increase in guns does not necessarily equal an increase in safety. SUNY Geneseo police officers are not the last or only police force immediately present in the campus area. Rather, there are the Geneseo police, the County Sheriffs, and state troopers—all of which carry firearms at all times. There is always a risk of accidents happening whenever guns are involved, regardless of extensive firearms training. The possession of a gun may render University Police officers less approachable by students who must speak with them. We are dissatisfied with this authorization in that it was unilateral and without recent, open dialogue in the campus community. We believe the assumption that the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech warrants such a drastic change in our own campus's regulations is misguided and unfortunate.

We recognize that in the past, your position on the issue was similar to ours and we suspect that this radical shift in policy is a result of pressure from New York State and SUNY authorities. If this is in fact the case, consider each of the signatures on this petition a statement of support for your case.

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