

**Community Safety Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 7, 2012**  
**1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**  
**519, YRT**

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**Action Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** John Amanatides, Prakash Amarasooriya, Anna Ainsworth, Graham Bowditch, Kathy Branton, Robert Castle, Elize Ceschia, Chad Craig, Catherine Davidson, Ioana Gheorghiu, Scott Jarvis, Rob Kilfoyl, Christian Marjollet, Toby Mayer, Salvatore Panedvro, Helen Psathas, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Catherine Salole, Steve Sicluna, Bob Smith, Elana Shugar, Sheila Wilmot, Patricia Yu

**Regrets:** Noa Ashkenazi, Paul Bailey, Clifford Baker, Dave Boyce, Steve Dranitsaris, Paul Elliott, Rosanna Furgiuele, Kaddy Gibson, Sonia Gupta, Matt Harris, Debbie Hansen, Janet Huang, Safiyah Husein, Sarah Khan, Debbie Kee, Sgt. Jason Kraft, Kulsoom, Nadim Lalani, Khan, Alexandria Maclachlan, Janine Manning, Tanya McFadyen, Stephanie Michelle, Arti Mehta, James Nixon, Andréé Paulin, Tka Pinnock, Lesley Powell, Dewan Rhaman, Paula Gowdie Rose, Jason Springer, Talha Mohammad Syed, Dragan Spasojevic, Sunil Taneja, Calvin Traynor, Roshan Udit, Livy Visano, Marc Wilchesky, Amber Wynne, Brenda Zimmerman

**1. Chair and/or Vice-Chair Remarks**

Chair J. Amanatides handed out a sheet of themes identified at the January 17th meeting to help guide the ensuing discussion.

T. Mayer updated the CSC about the meeting that TBLGAY and SASSL had with Council Masters. She felt that their proposal was not well received by the Council of Masters and is therefore seeking the support of the CSC.

**Motion: by R. Castle, seconded by J. Amanatides:** *Given the current safety campaign is designed to start shifting the culture at York University, the Community Safety Council proposes that the Vice-Provost Students consider what role TBLGAY and SASSL might play in providing mandatory inclusivity training in College orientations in a coordinated programmatic approach which integrates with;*

- *training for Dons*
- *Can I Kiss You?*
- *REDI*

*which the Community Safety Council also believes should be mandatory for all incoming undergraduate students.*

Vote is unanimously in favour

CSC will consider a recommendation to the President in its annual report that looks at a comprehensive strategy to educate community members (students, staff and faculty) around inclusivity, respect and diversity. This would extend beyond orientation.

## **2. Business Arising from the minutes**

Regarding a concern raised at the last meeting about theft in the Scott Religious Centre, R. Kilfoyle reported that the file was reviewed. He noted that re-training for the staff, in a few particular areas is required and he will ensure that retraining occurs. York Security Services, (Aldo), will follow up with the MSA.

## **3. Themes Discussion continued from the January 17th meeting**

Communication

R. Castle provided an update on the changes that have been made regarding the use of language to describe suspects in security bulletins.

R. Castle provided an overview about how bulletins are distributed to the York Community.

Ideas:

- follow-up bulletins were questioned at the SCOLAPS safety meeting; some community members have stated that they would like follow-up information (i.e. arrests)
- making video tapes of education sessions and posting them on the website to allow for greater access to the community.
- encouraging community members to report incidents to security; anonymously?

Culture/Climate Prevention:

- York Security Services is drafting a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to provide direction and which clearly states that York will not participate in activities that would be considered racial profiling
- York Security Services will now brief Toronto Police Service around community standards when they come on campus for “pay duty”

- York Security Services is finalizing a complaints process that allows community members to file a complaint around the conduct of security personnel
- York University may want to consider adopting a policy that clearly specifies that racial profiling on our campus is not tolerated

Physical Security/Presence:

- concern over reported crime occurring on the Ross podium level; R.Castle/H. Psathas considering long and short term solutions for the physical space
- concerns raised about the number of people smoking drugs in Winters College stairwell (Thursday evenings) and in one stairwell of Curtis Lecture Hall

Safety Office:

- suggestion to have a centralized safety office, with focus on social media (i.e. Twitter, Facebook), and Sexual Assault Support services; could also be a place to obtain information
- Location to be centralized but to consider the need for privacy for those whom it is preferred, dependant on needs and issues
- must consider the hours of operation and number of days open per week
- need to consider how to mobilize all front desk staff for providing basic information; “every door is an open door”; training required

**4. Next Regular Meeting: March 28, 2013**