

Community Safety Council Meeting
Monday, April 29, 2013
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
280N York Lanes

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Minutes

In attendance: John Amanatides, Prakash Amarasooriya, Noël Badiou, Victoria Barnett, Graham Bowditch, Rob Castle, John Dupuis, Sgt. Stephen Hicks, Safiyah Husein, Rob Kilfoyle, Karen Krauter, (officer) Ewan McDermott, Greg McPeake, Christian Marjollet, Toby Mayer, Officer Stephanie Michelle, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Elana Shugar, Steve Sicluna, Bob Smith, Michelle Smith, Patricia Yu, Marc Wilchesky,

Regrets: Paul Bailey, Clifford Baker, Kathy Branton, Dave Boyce, Elize Ceschia, Catherine Davidson, Steve Dranitsaris, Paul Elliott, Rosanna Furguele, Ioana Gheorghiu, Kaddy Gibson, Sonia Gupta, Debbie Hansen, Matt Harris, Janet Huang, Scott Jarvis, Sarah Khan, Debbie Kee, Nadim Lalani, Alexandria Maclachlan, Janine Manning, Tanya McFadyen, Arti Mehta, James Nixon, Andréé Paulin, Lesley Powell, Helen Psathas, Dewan Rhaman, Paula Gowdie Rose, Catherine Salole, Jason Springer, Talha Mohammad Syed, Dragan Spasojevic, Calvin Traynor, Roshan Udit, Livy Visano, Sheila Wilmot, Amber Wynne, Brenda Zimmerman

1. Chair and Co-Chair Remarks

- J. Amanatides welcomed those in attendance and noted that this is the last meeting for the academic year but that the Safety Audit subcommittee will continue to meet through the summer, once a replacement Chair has been appointed.

Motion: to approve the minutes of 28 March, 2013 by S. Taneja, seconded by J. Amanatides

E. Shugar notes an error in the minutes: SASSL is spelt incorrectly, under 'culture'.

- J. Amanatides stated that he does not have a draft letter completed for the committee to review today, but that he will work with Vice Chair N. Lalani and they will forward their recommendations to the committee by the end of May.

2. Membership and Mandate of the committee

There was a discussion about student participation in safety committee work whether the membership should be expanded to include more student members on the CSC.

The committee could encourage student involvement through an open forum in the fall and another in the spring.

TPS Sergeant Hicks reported that York University and the Village have been identified as areas that require additional attention and as of June 6, 2013, four new community relations officers will be dedicated to these areas. They are Paul Kennedy, Glenn Jones, Joseph Park and Ewan McDermott. There was a discussion around community engagement and how the police can effectively and actively be approachable. A representative from a student group inquired about opportunities for the officers to address student groups concerns about police presence on campus. Sergeant Hicks responded that they would be happy to be invited to speak to groups. R. Kilfoyle added that the University is building a partnership with Toronto police and that if any issues arise, then the regular avenues for complaints can still be utilized and/or issues can be brought to this committee.

A discussion about the CSC membership and mandate occurred. Suggestions included: more faculty involvement, that each faculty counsel could have a representative on the CSC, and include faculty members with expertise in the areas of safety. A discussion followed about creating a student subcommittee, where students at large could meet with CSC student representatives to exchange information, as well, the possibility of themed working groups, that could meet between regular council meetings, and which may allow for a greater level of discussion was suggested.

The schedule for the 2013-14 year was discussed. Suggestions included: setting up the regular meetings for the next academic year and choosing a specific day and time for meetings. It was agreed that meeting dates for the following academic year should be sent out in August, so that all members can plan around meetings dates when possible.

It was recommended that committee members participate in inclusivity and positive space training, with the assistance of the CHR this fall. This would be included in the fall schedule of meetings.

3. Other Business:

I. Maxwell Rodrigues informed the committee that a survey will be sent to CSC members shortly to review and reflect on the mandate and the work of the CSC. A summary of the results will be shared with committee members later in the summer.

A discussion around a lack of positive media coverage or stories about York occurred.

T. Mayer inquired about process for steps after the CSC sends its report to the President. J. Amanatides responded that the Safety Audit Committee will continue to meet and track METRAC recommendations over the summer; (after a new Chair has been appointed). He encouraged members to continue to forward recommendations and inquire about where items stand, as these will be embedded in the minutes of the meetings and encourage accountability.

The meeting adjourns at 3:30pm.

3. Next Regular Meeting: TBA - September