

Community Safety Council

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2016

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

280N York Lanes

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In attendance:

Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt (Chair), Nadia Bello, Nancy Boake, Meghan Carrington, Siraz Chatha, Hossein Davarinejad, Erica Fearnall, Amy Gaukel, Chaya Gopaul, Mikhaela Gray, Matt Harris, Craig Heron, Sandra Hudson on behalf of Sheila Wilmot, Israa Izzeddin, Patricia Lakin-Thomas, Marion MacGregor, Anne Moore, Peter Mumford, Melissa Palermo, Jasper Paredes, Ray Rogers, Samina Sami, Elana Shugar, Dragan Spasojevic, Sunil Taneja, Terry Wright

Regrets:

Aldo Altomare, Eitan Barak, Katherine Branton, Robert Castle, Tomorr Cerriku, Naomi Couto, Steve Dewar, Paul Elliot, Scarlett Farquhar, Gilles Fortin, Joanne Grant, Lindsey Gutt, Sgt. Debbie Hansen, Meghan Heath, Amanda Hickman, Stephen Hicks, Myron Khan, David Kim, Margaret Karrass, Debbie Kee, Awani Kulkarni, Manuela Lefranc, Arden Maalik, Samam Mahboob, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Euan McDermott, Peter McKinnon, Ralph Pike, Lesley Powell, Helen Psathas, Grace Randell, Catherine Salole, Daulton Scott, Jiries Shimon Karborani, Steve Sicluna, Sarah Simpson, Bob Smith, Donna Smith, Ronald Tapley, Marc Wilchesky,

Chair's Welcome

Chair Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt welcomed members to the final meeting of the 2015-2016 academic year. The Chair welcomed Marion MacGregor, the interim director of the Centre for Human Rights to the Council, as well as, Israa Izzeddin, the new TBLGAY representative.

The working group leads will meet after the Council meeting to identify any recommendations that overlap. Working groups should discuss who will be their working group lead next academic year.

Next academic year, a new Chair will be appointed to the Community Safety Council. Norma Sue thanked the Council for all of their work over the past two years.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was moved, seconded and *carried* that the meeting minutes of January 28, 2016 be approved.

Student Sub-Committee Report

Vice-Chair, Jasper Parades, provided an update on the student sub-committee. The students tabled at a Health Ed event and promoted the safety app. The students discussed the following items at their last meeting:

- The need for residence life coordinators to have access to buildings such as Accolade and the Centre for Film in Theatre to reduce response time to emergencies on campus
- Enhancing the GoSafe program through having educational safety discussions between students and GoSafe leader during campus walks
- Lighting concerns on campus
- Pond Residence building entrance issues

Dragan Spasojevic will look into the possibility of programming Residence Life Coordinator access cards to expand access to buildings.

There was discussion between Council members regarding lighting concerns on campus. These concerns included the lighting by the Bergeron Centre on way to HNES building, the lighting behind Scott library, and the lighting behind Curtis lecture hall towards the William Small Centre. Dragan Spasojevic will do an audit of these areas on campus to assess their lighting situation.

Safety Audit Committee Report

Anne Moore, Chair of the safety audit sub-committee provided an update to the Council.

The committee has begun to track recommendations from the previous CSC annual reports to assess the status of each recommendation. The committee is creating a spreadsheet to show which recommendations are complete and incomplete, as well as, which working groups or department should be assigned for follow-up. The audit-committee needs to review and finalize the recommendations that have been tracked. Afterwards, the chart will be sent electronically to all Council members for their comment. The chart is a tool that will help the Council ensure that past recommendations are moving forward.

Anne provided an overview on the status of a select number of recommendations from previous CSC annual reports. The update included:

- The Climate Survey from the METRAC report needs to be completed
- All Council recommendations related to the functions of the Council have been completed such as, the new member orientation session
- A sexual assault policy conference took place in February 2015 which fulfilled one of the recommendations
- Training recommendations from over the years are underway

The committee will create a list of recommendations for each working group to review in September.

Working Group Discussion

Independent working group discussion followed. The working group leads provided an update to the Council.

Safety Education and Training:

Norma Sue provided an update on the Safety Education and Training working group discussion on behalf of Amanda Hickman, the working group lead. Key discussion points included:

- Emergency evacuation procedures for community members with accessibility concerns
- Communication strategy for entire University inclusive of all community members
- Social and physical aspects of safety
- Re-introduce hosting a mandatory inclusion training for Community Safety Council members

Outside Safety:

Terry Wright provided an update on the Outside Safety working group. The working group has created three concrete recommendations for the final report. The recommendations are regarding the following items:

- Providing an annual presentation on how lighting is administered and the improvements taking place on campus, as well as, an introduction to CPTED principles and how they are applied on campus

- Raising the profile of the email account safety@yorku.ca to help address community members concerns in relation to outdoor safety
- Expand role of committee to look at public interior spaces

Terry Wright is meeting with Dragan Spasojevic, Rob Castle, Richard Francki and others to discuss the development of a CPTED policy for the University.

Safety Communication and Outreach:

Matt Harris provided an update to the Council. The working group will put forward recommendations regarding the following items:

- The YUStart program and how information is relayed to students
- Training orientation leaders on safety
- Communications strategy related to safety across campus
- Active Bystander program

All of the recommendations have been driven by conversations with different partners on campus.

Faculty Working Group:

Craig Heron provided an update to the Council which included:

- Addressing concerns related to faculty members in positions of authority and their role in student safety
- Providing resources to faculty members on safety services on campus

Next meeting

The next meeting will take place in Fall 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.