

# Community Safety Council

## Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2016

9:30 am – 10:30 am

524 Kaneff Tower

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**In attendance:** Janet Mosher (Chair), Israa Izzeddin (Vice-Chair), Aldo Altomare, John Amanatides, Nadia Bello, Meghan Carrington, Robert Castle, Siraz Chatha, Michael Charles, Shelby Crawford, Tomorr Cerriku, Karen Drysdale-Chung, Colleen Duncan, Scarlett Farquhar, Katie Florko, Krista GoKool, Grace Gravina (for Elisa Romano), Debbie Hansen, Matt Harris, Amanda Hickman, Maharshi Jani, Manuela Lefranc, Andrew Little, Michael Mahon, Anne Moore, Peter Mumford, Ray Rogers, Samina Sami, Steve Sicluna, Elana Shugar, Sunil Taneja, Bob Smith, Dan Smith, Dragan Spasojevic, Mark Subetki-Tan, Cheryl van Daalen-Smith, Sheila Wilmot, Terry Wight, Mark Wilchesky, Patricia Yeboah,

**Regrets:** Katherine Branton, Brandon Cheong, Stephen Dewar, Paul Elliot, Meagan Farriss, Rawan Habib, Meagan Heath, Sgt. Stephen Hicks, Debbie Kee, Karen Legrais, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, John Mayberry, Lesley Powell, Helen Psathas, Catherine Salole, Bryana Suraci, Alexandra Williams, Francoius Yabit, Mack Young

### Chair's Remarks

Chair Janet Mosher welcomed the Council to the 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting of the 2016-2017 academic year. The Chair thanked Council members for taking the time from their respective schedules to participate in the meeting. Janet was recently appointed Chair of the Council in August 2016 and is looking forward to working with the Council over the next year. The President has accepted all of the recommendations in the 2015-2016 annual report.

There are many safety initiatives underway at the University and several consultations will be scheduled between campus partners and the Council to solicit their feedback. The Community Safety Council has an important role in regards to the new processes and policies that are being developed at York. Members are asked to be responsive and engaged with the changes happening on our campuses. The Council's goal is to not just be reactive but to be proactive in regards to safety issues.

The CSC meetings for the 2016 - 2017 academic year have been scheduled as follows:

Thursday, September 22, 2016	9:30am - 11:30am	524 Kaneff Tower
Tuesday, November 22, 2016	1:00pm - 3:00pm	519 Kaneff Tower
Thursday, January 19, 2017	2:30pm - 4:30pm	280N York Lanes
Monday, March 20, 2017	10:00am - 12:00pm	519 Kaneff Tower

### **President's Welcome**

President Shoukri thanked the Council for their excellent work, dedication and commitment to the safety of our community. Dr. Shoukri encouraged members and noted that the entire administration is behind the work of the Council. The President stated that he reviewed the 2015-2016 CSC Annual Report and thanked Norma Sue for her excellent leadership and hard work over the past two years. Dr. Shoukri thanked Janet for accepting the position of Chair and welcomed her to the Council.

Dr. Shoukri emphasized the importance of safety at the University which includes creating a campus where points of view can be freely expressed while maintaining an inclusive environment for all community members. The President noted the important work of the Council and encouraged members to be engaged and make recommendations to improve safety on our campuses. Dr. Shoukri highlighted the diversity of roles on the Council and the opportunity for members to bring different perspectives to discussions on safety issues. The President reminded the Council that the work of creating a safer campus is never complete and that there is always something we can do better.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Sunil Taneja motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 21, 2016. The motion was seconded by Meghan Carrington. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved as presented.

### **Student Sub-Committee Overview and Vice-Chair Election**

Janet requested that students interested in running for the position of Council Vice-Chair, nominate themselves for the position. Israa Izzeddin, the Community Safety representative from TBLAY, was acclaimed to the position of the Vice-Chair for the 2016-2017 academic year.

## **Community Safety Update**

Samina Sami provided an overview on the various ongoing safety initiatives (see attached presentation). Community Safety Week will take place on October 3 – October 7, 2016. The presentation was followed by a discussion. Key discussion points included:

- Training faculty on issues related to safety and providing them with resources
- The various trainings provided to students, staff and faculty on campus
- The status of the Active Bystander program
- Inclusivity training sessions for staff
- The definition of community (staff, faculty, students and volunteers at Keele and Glendon) and York's relationship with the Village
- The representation of students on the Council
- The Good Neighbour Guide

The Department of Community Safety will be holding various consultations with community members over the next several months. Part of the November Community Safety Council meeting will be allocated to a consultation session with the department.

## **Safety Audit Committee Selection**

Anne Moore has agreed to continue her role as Chair of the Safety Audit Committee for the 2016-2017 academic year. The committee is responsible for monitoring the Community Safety Council's annual recommendations to the President to track their progress and to ensure that they are being implemented. The committee selects several recommendations to focus on each year and invites guests to provide updates on the status of the recommendations. At the first meeting of this academic year, the committee will go through the recommendations submitted in the 2015-2016 Annual Report to the President and determine the status of each of the recommendations and which department they should be assigned to. The committee requires at least 5 members, 2 of which must be students.

The Chair asked members to volunteer to participate on the committee. The members who joined the committee include: Sunil Taneja, Shelby Crawford, Mark Subetki-Tan, Scarlett Farquhar and Colleen Duncan. Members who are interested in joining this committee are asked to email Mikhaela at [mmgray@yorku.ca](mailto:mmgray@yorku.ca).

## **Inclusion Training Workshop**

The Chair encourages and expects that all Council members will participate in an inclusion training session with the Centre of Human Rights (CHR). Safety is holistic and includes social dimensions. The Council works from an anti-oppression framework and

the training is necessary for all Council members in order to conceptualize safety from this framework. Janet will work with CHR to determine two dates in October for an inclusion training session specifically designed for the Council. Council members will be asked to RSVP to the session. The November meeting agenda will include time to reflect on Council members' insights and learnings from the training.

### **Update on Sexual Violence Policy and Guidelines**

Robert Castle provided an overview on the various ongoing safety initiatives (see attached presentation).

### **Working Group Overview**

The working group facilitators provided an overview of their working group goals and objectives for the 2016-2017 year. The four working groups are as follows:

- Communication and Outreach (Facilitator: Matt Harris)
- Safety Education and Training (Facilitators: Elana Shugar, Nadio Bello)
- Physical Environment (Facilitator: Terry Wright)
- Faculty (Ray Rogers)

### **Additional Working Group Topics to Consider**

The Chair asked the Council members if there were any additional working group topics that should be considered. No additional working group topics were suggested. Council members are encouraged to reflect on the current working groups and identify any gaps. Working groups are fluid and the focus and mandate of a working group is subject to change.

### **Working Group Discussion**

Independent working group discussion followed. New Council members were encouraged to join a working group. Working group leads are asked to inform Mikhaela which members have demonstrated interest in joining their group.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled on November 22, 2016 from 1:00-3:00pm in 519 Kaneff Tower

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am