

Community Safety Council

Meeting Minutes

January 19th, 2015

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

519 Kaneff Tower

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In attendance: Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt (Chair), Aldo Altomare, Prakash Amarasooriya, Noël Badiou, Melissa Belisle, Robert Castle, Steve Dempsey, Paul Elliott, Mikhaela Gray, Meagan Heath, Craig Heron, Mandi Hickman, John Mayberry Euan McDermott for Sgt. Stephen Hicks, Anne Moore, Steve Mulholland, Katherine Newman, Melissa Palermo, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Catherine Salole, Toby Samson, Elana Shugar, Dragan Spasojevic, Jeff Stagger, Karen Traboulay, Ines Van Deuren, Raj Virk for Sheila Wilmot, Marc Wilchesky, Terry Wright

Regrets: Vanessa Aguiar for Aileen Ashman, Sayjon Ariyarathnam, Scott Bagley, Rina Brandt, Meghan Carrington, Tomorr Cerriku, Rachele Clemente, Steve Dewar, Ruthann Dyer, Lorna Erwin, Jose Etcheverry, Rosanna Furgiuele, Christel Galea, Debbie Hansen, Matthew Harris, Lee Iskander, Shannon Jackson, Scott Jarvis, Roxana Jahani Aval, Asal Kazemi, Debbie Kee, Bernard King, Patrick Legris, Emiljano Mance, Regan Mancini, Paul O'Brien, Lesley Powell, Helen Psathas, Dewan Rahman, Lluvia Machuca Ruelas, Sheila Shahrokhi, Steve Sicluna, Sean Siddik, Kate Singh, Bob Smith, Sunil Taneja, Jodine Tavares, Calvin Traynor, Marzena Tyszkiewicz, Lara Yehia

Chair's Welcome

Chair Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt welcomed the Council to the third CSC meeting. The Chair thanked the facilitators for their dedication to the Council this year. Norma Sue proposed that the Council add another meeting in late February to provide training for the Active Bystander Pilot Program. The Chair would like to hold a meeting with the working group facilitators to discuss initiatives and identify any potential areas of overlap.

Norma Sue announced that on January 28, 2015 the Center of Human rights is hosting an Inclusion Day Conference, which CSC members are encouraged to attend.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dragan Spasojevic motioned to approve the meeting minutes of November 24th, 2014. The motion was seconded by Terry Wright. John Mayberry abstained from the vote. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved as presented.

Business Arising from the Meeting Minutes

R. Castle is looking into a safety concern regarding refuges for individuals with mobility issues during an emergency on campus. He has attended a meeting to address this issue. The Council should engage the fire department to look at best practices. One of the key elements involved with this issue is how to communicate both proactively and in the moment of a crisis on campus. R. Castle is scheduling a second meeting to discuss this concern.

CSC Member Report

The Sexual Assault Prevention, Education and Support Working Group will now be referred as the CSC Sexual Assault Education and Training Working Group in order to reduce confusion with the Sexual Assault Policy Development and Implementation Working Group.

On February 20th the Ontario Committee on Student Affairs will host a conference at York University which will focus on sexual assault prevention. Students, faculty and staff members from all Ontario universities will be present. Moving forward, discussions at the conference will inform the reference group on sexual violence that has been formed by the Council of Ontario Universities. Students who are interested in volunteering at the event should contact Catherine Salole.

Campus Security is looking into having an information booth where they can hand out pamphlets, discuss safety initiatives and interact with students informally. Security is renovating space to create a more open environment where community members can feel comfortable interacting with security personnel. Security would like to create in-person contact locations throughout campus. The Toronto Police have baseball cards for community members to learn about their officers informally. They demonstrate positive reinforcement by rewarding people for acts of kindness or good deeds. Security could potentially utilize these initiatives to continue building a positive rapport with the community.

R. Castle and E. Shugar met with the President of the Glendon College Student Union, Ines Van Deuren, to review security concerns at Glendon. The discussion included:

- Offering bilingual Safer Together services
- LCD screens on campus
- Establishing a bilingual Active Bystander Pilot program
- Looking into the cost of translating the security mobile application
- Streamlining security phone calls and ensuring a bilingual representative is readily available
- Creating a Glendon safety committee

Student Sub-Committee Report

Prakash Amarasooriya, CSC Vice-Chair for 2014-2015, provided an update on the initiatives that the Sub-Committee is pursuing.

- The Sub-Committee is working with the Glendon Student Union President to ensure that safety concerns at the Glendon campus are addressed and that their voice is represented
- An extended meeting will take place in February prior to the Sexual Assault symposium. Feedback and discussion points from the meeting will be shared with the selected student representatives, who will attend the symposium. The meeting will be a mock-form of the actual symposium, including working groups and a discussion panel. The Vice-Chair has requested that Members share information about the extended meeting to the community.
- The Vice-Chair suggested that the CSC have a table at the Spring Gala on March 28th along with security and goSAFE. The Committee will look to who has been a part of the event historically to see if this opportunity is feasible.

CSC Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee held a working group style meeting on December 11th to discuss the equity statement. Committee members addressed the questions raised by the President in his response to the CSC Annual Report recommendations. The Audit Committee is discussing the channels of communication through which the equity statement could be shared. The Committee is revising the statement to address some of the President's questions and will bring it to the Council for their approval when it is complete.

CSC Active Bystander Pilot Presentation

Robert Castle delivered a presentation on the CSC Active Bystander Pilot Presentation (see attached presentation). The presentation was followed by a discussion. Key discussion points included:

- The possibility of mandatory training sessions for certain community groups such as Residence Dons and people who serve alcohol on campus
- Sexual assault cases that occur in private can be prevented through intervening in a public space during early stages
- Sexual Violence education and prevention within the program as an agent to shift culture and generate conversation within the community
- The relevance of the program for international community members

A two-hour Active Bystander Program session will be offered in late February for CSC Members.

Working Group Discussion and Update

Independent working group discussion followed. The working group facilitators provided an update.

CSC Sexual Assault Education and Support

Discussion points included:

- The working group would like to support the sexual assault policy development and implementation working group
- Looking at education training initiatives on campus and compiling a list to identify gaps as well as to expand on existing resources
- Continuing to discuss previous initiatives

Safety Communication and Outreach and The active Bystander Program

Discussion points included:

- Exploring the various communication tools that could be used to share information regarding safety on campus
- Engaging faculty members in discussions concerning safety

Outside Safety

Discussion points included:

- Lighting tours
- Campus Maintenance Issues
- By-laws pertaining to landscaping

The working group will host a lighting tour within the next couple of weeks at the Keele campus and a similar exercise will take place in the future at Glendon. If a lighting concern is brought to a Member's attention they can email the concern to lightout@yorku.ca.

The facilitator requests that Council Members ask colleagues what makes them feel unsafe outdoors and to share their feedback with the working group.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on March 16th from 2:00-4:00pm in 519 Kaneff Tower.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.