

# Community Safety Council

## Meeting Minutes

November 24th, 2014

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

280N York Lanes

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**In attendance:** Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt (Chair), Aldo Altomare, Prakash Amarasooriya, Noël Badiou, Scott Bagley, Melissa Belisle, Meghan Carrington, Robert Castle, Tomorr Cerriku, Lorna Erwin, Mikhaela Gray, Debbie Hansen, Matthew Harris, Meagan Heath, Shannon Jackson, Patrick Legris, Emiljano Mance, Regan Mancini, Euan McDermott for Sgt. Stephen Hicks, Anne Moore, Melissa Palermo, Lesley Powell, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Catherine Salole, Toby Samson, Elana Shugar, Steve Sicluna, Bob Smith, Dragan Spasojevic, Jeff Stagger, Sunil Taneja, Ines Van Deuren, Raj Virk for Sheila Wilmot, Marc Wilchesky, Terry Wright, Lara Yehia

**Regrets:** Vanessa Aguiar for Aileen Ashman, Sayjon Ariyaratnam, Rina Brandt, Rachele Clemente, Steve Dempsey, Steve Dewar, Ruthann Dyer, Paul Elliott, Jose Etcheverry, Rosanna Furgiuele, Christel Galea, Marlo Harley, Craig Heron, Mandi Hickman, Lee Iskander, Scott Jarvis, Roxana Jahani Aval, Asal Kazemi, Debbie Kee, Bernard King, Dimitra Markatas, John Mayberry, Steve Mulholland, Katherine Newman, Paul O'Brien, Helen Psathas, Dewan Rahman, Lluvia Machuca Ruelas, Sheila Shahrokhi, Sean Siddik, Jodine Tavares, Karen Traboulay, Calvin Traynor, Marzena Tyszkiewicz

### Chair's Welcome

Chair Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt welcomed the Council to the second CSC meeting. Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt announced that Mikhaela Gray would be replacing Dimitra Markatas in the position of secretary to the CSC. The Chair introduced the agenda to the council.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Marc Wilchesky motioned to approve the meeting minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The motion was seconded by Patrick Legris. Raj Virk abstained. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved.

## **Business Arising from the Meeting Minutes**

Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt presented an overview of the working groups selected for the year. The goal of the working groups is to establish recommendations to present to the President through the CSC Annual Report at the end of the year.

The three working groups and their facilitators are:

- Sexual Assault Prevention, Education and Support- Mandi Hickman
- Outside Safety - Terry Wright
- Safety Communication, Outreach and The Active Bystander Program - Matt Harris

At the September 2014 CSC meeting, mental health received the greatest number of votes amongst topics that the CSC would like to address. York University currently already has a Mental Health Steering Committee on campus. To reduce overlap the CSC invited Lesley Beagrie to attend the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to deliver a presentation. The CSC will continue to discuss ways through which to pursue this important issue.

At the September CSC meeting, members raised a safety concern regarding refuges for individuals with mobility issues during an emergency on campus. R. Castle is looking into this issue and possible ways for the CSC to address it. It was suggested by a CSC member that this topic be included as an agenda item in the future.

The inclusion training session took place on November 21, 2014 with 15 CSC members in attendance.

## **Student Sub-Committee Report**

Prakash Amarasooriya, CSC Vice-Chair for 2014-2015, provided an update on the initiatives that the Sub-Committee will pursue this year. The Sub-Committee will focus on the following areas:

- Racial Profiling: The Sub-Committee will connect with Jane and Finch Action Against Poverty about starting an initiative to help de-stigmatize this community.
- Sexual Assault Symposium: The Committee is in discussion with Robert Castle about this initiative.

## **CSC Audit Committee Report**

The last Audit Committee meeting took place on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting focused on two particular areas:

- The role of the Committee in monitoring the CSC Annual Report recommendations submitted to the President to ensure that they are being implemented.
- Equity Statement: The Committee is pursuing the questions raised by the President in his response to the CSC Annual Report recommendations. The group will meet with Maureen Armstrong, University Secretary and General Counsel, and receive advice on next steps towards implementing the equity statement.

## **Mental Health Steering Committee Presentation**

Lesley Beagrie delivered a presentation on the role of the Mental Health Steering Committee at York University and provided an update on how their committee members are promoting a mentally healthy campus community (see attached presentation).

The presentation was followed by a discussion. Key discussion points included:

- Holding a symposium on mental health for senior leaders at YorkU
- The need for faculty members to be educated on matters related to student accommodation and the importance of raising mental health literacy amongst community members

Lesley Beagrie asked the Council to help raise awareness on mental health through sharing their website at the following link: <http://mhw.info.yorku.ca/>

## **Working Group Discussion and Update**

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

### **Safety Communication and Outreach and The active Bystander Program**

The Active Bystander Program has been presented to residence dons, orientation chairs, college student presidents and health education workers. The group is looking towards building 1hr and 3hr sessions.

Communication and outreach discussion points included:

- Security bulletins and community closure
- Security bulletins with good news stories regarding safety
- Community Safety Forums
- Communication Audit
- Meeting with various community members i.e. YUSTART
- Enhancing the website through “purchasing” communication material
- Mental Health Steering Committee
- Refuges for those with a disability and communication
- Improving and updating the REDI-tutorial
- Reviewing recommendations from the previous year

The working group has asked that a faculty member join their committee.

### **Sexual Assault Prevention, Education and Support**

Discussion points included:

- Making the REDI-tutorial mandatory for some populations at the university
- Members from the sexual assault policy development and implementation working group will provide updates to this group
- Follow-up workshops after the “You Had Me at Consent” event
- Exploring types of safety training modules for incoming chairs, program directors etc.
- Revisiting the Sexual Assault Symposium recommendation that was included in the 2014 CSC Annual Report

### **Outside Safety**

This working group had their first meeting prior to the November CSC meeting. Two areas of outside safety that the group will focus on are:

- Lighting
- Landscaping

The working group will perform “walk-about” on the Glendon and Keele campuses during the day-time and night-time in order to develop recommendations on safety standards.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled on January 19th from 2:00-4:00pm in 519 Kaneff Tower.