

Community Safety Council

Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2015

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

519 Kaneff Tower

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In attendance: Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt (Chair), Aldo Altomare, Noël Badiou, Eitan Barak, Nadia Bello, Nancy Boake, Katherine Branton, Meghan Carrington, Robert Castle, Siraz Chatha, Tomorr Cerriku, Hossein Davarinejad, Scarlett Farquhar, Erica Fearnall, Amy Gaukel, Chaya Gopaul, Mikhaela Gray, Lindsey Gutt, Debbie Hansen, Matt Harris, Meagan Heath, Craig Heron, Sgt. Stephen Hicks, David Kim, Awani Kulkarni, Patricia Lakin-Thomas, Manuela Lefranc, Myron Khan, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Euan McDermott, Peter McKinnon, Anne Moore, Peter Mumford, Thadsha Navaneethan, Melissa Palermo, Jasper Paredes, Grace Randell, Rodney de Roché, Ray Rogers, Catherine Salole, Jiries Shimon Karborani, Steve Sicluna, Dragan Spasojevic, Marc Wilchesky, Sheila Wilmot, Terry Wright

Regrets: Steve Dewar, Paul Elliot, Mandi Hickman, Margaret Karrass, Debbie Kee, Arden Maalik, Lesley Powell, Helen Psathas, Daulton Scott, Sarah Simpson, Bob Smith, Donna Smith

Chair's Welcome

Chair Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt welcomed the Council to the 1st general meeting of the 2015-2016 academic year. The Council is a safety advisory group that makes recommendations to the President. Questions or concerns regarding safety can be raised by Council members for discussion at general meetings. Items for discussion can be shared with the Chair prior to a meeting to be considered as an agenda item. Council members will have the opportunity to learn about the different working groups and select which group they would like to join. Working groups meet in between general meetings and are scheduled by the working group leads. Chair Norma Sue encouraged members to be active this upcoming year and to be engaged in Council functions. Norma Sue highlighted that one of the roles of Community Safety Council members is to communicate the Council's work to their respective communities. The Chair's role is to lead the meetings, assist with the agenda and inform the President of the Community Safety Council's various initiatives.

The CSC meetings for the 2015 - 2016 academic year have been scheduled as follows:

1. Monday, September 28, 2015 2:00-4:00pm (519 KT)
2. Wednesday, December 2, 2015 2:00-4:00pm (280N YL)
3. Thursday, January 28, 2016 10:00-12:00pm (519 KT)
4. Monday, March 21, 2016 2:00-4:00pm (519 KT)

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meghan Carrington motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 22, 2015. The motion was seconded by Terry Wright. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved as presented. Correction to the minutes: The Sexual Assault Prevention, Education and Support Working Group should be written in the minutes as the CSC Sexual Assault Education and Training Working Group to reflect its name change.

President's Welcome

President Shoukri thanked the Council for their excellent work, dedication and commitment to the safety of our community. The President stated that he reviewed the 2014-2015 CSC Annual Report and noted the Council's excellent contributions to enhancing a culture of safety and respect at York University. Dr. Shoukri emphasized that safety is an institutional priority and it needs to be a University-wide effort. Dr. Shoukri raised the issues of sexual violence and of consent. The President stated that York takes this issue very seriously and is working with both internal and external communities to foster an environment of empowerment, openness, tolerance and respect and safety. The Board of Governors released a policy on Sexual Assault in February 2015 and York is doing further work to respond to these concerns. The President thanked Norma Sue for her strong leadership and commitment to the Council. Members are encouraged to provide feedback as well as to work collaboratively to provide opportunities for discussion and learning about safety on both campuses.

Student Committee Overview and Vice-Chair Election

Norma Sue requested that students interested in running for the position of Council Vice-Chair, nominate themselves for the position. Rodney de Roché, David Kim, Erica Fearnall and Jasper Paredes were the election nominees. Each student addressed the Council with why they believed that they were a good fit for the position. Ballots were distributed to Council members and the votes were tallied. Jasper Paredes was elected as the Vice-Chair for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Safety Initiatives Overview

Robert Castle provided an overview on the various ongoing safety initiatives (see attached presentation). Community Safety Day will take place on October 21, 2015 from 10:00AM-3:30PM. The presentation was followed by a discussion. Key discussion points included:

- LED Screens at Glendon: There are not any immediate plans to add more LED screens to the Glendon Campus
- In the case of an emergency, information is communicated to the community through security bulletins, LED screens and push notifications
- Safety Council at Glendon: Last year, there was discussion with the Glendon College Student Union about striking a sub-committee to focus on specific issues related to the Glendon campus
- CPTV Cameras and how they are monitored
- The YorkU Safety App
- Information used to describe suspects

Safety Audit Committee

Anne Moore has agreed to continue her role as Chair of the Safety Audit Committee for the 2015-2016 academic year. The committee is responsible for reviewing the ongoing safety initiatives outlined in the METRAC Report. The safety audit committee also monitors the Community Safety Council's annual recommendations to the President to track their progress and to ensure that they are being implemented. Members who are interested in joining this committee were asked to contact Anne directly during the working group break-out session. The committee requires at least 5 members, 2 of which must be students.

Annual Report

The 2014-2015 Annual Report will be uploaded to the CSC website and will be distributed to Council members through email. The 18 recommendations submitted by the Council were well received by University Executive members. Many of the recommendations came from the working groups. The Annual Report will be discussed at the December meeting in more detail.

Working Group Overview

The working group facilitators provided an overview of their working group goals and objectives. Norma Sue provided an updated on behalf of Mandi Hickman, the previous facilitator of the CSC Sexual Assault Education and Training working group. This working group will now be led by Rodney de Roché. The three working groups are as follows:

- Safety Communication and Outreach and the Active Bystander Program (Facilitator: Matt Harris)
- CSC Sexual Assault Education and Training (Facilitator: Rodney de Roché)
- Outdoor Safety (Facilitator: Terry Wright)

Additional Working Group Topics to Consider

The Chair asked the Council members if there were any additional working group topics that should be considered for the upcoming academic year. Craig Heron suggested that the Council establish a working group focused on faculty member's safety concerns. Several members agreed with this suggestion. This topic will be added to the list of Council working groups.

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.

Inclusion Training Workshop

Last year, the Centre for Human Rights offered an inclusion training workshop exclusively to the Community Safety Council. Members were asked if there was interest in requesting a workshop with specific objectives related to the Council or if members would prefer to attend the pre-existing workshops organized by CHR. The Council demonstrated interest in attending a workshop exclusive to the CSC. A survey will be sent to members to provide input on the objectives of the training session.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on December 2nd from 2:00-4:00pm in 280N York Lanes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm