

Community Safety Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 20, 2012
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
519, YRT

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Meeting Minutes

In attendance: John Amanatides, Nadim Lalani, Catherine Davidson, Rob Castle, Noël Badiou, Noa Ashkenazi, Graham Bowditch, Elana Shugar, Safiyah Husein, Scott Jarvis, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Alexandria Maclachlan, Debbie Hansen, Christian Marjollet, Sheila Wilmot, Kathy Branton, Morgan Russell, Amber Wynne, Elize Ceschia, Prakash Amarasooriya, Marc Wilchesky, Dragan Spasojevic, Rob Kilfoyle, Bob Smith, Paula Gowdie Rose

Regrets: President Mamdouh Shoukri, Catherine Salole, Sunil Taneja, Matt Harris, Patricia Yu, Steve Dranitsaris, Roshan Udit, Kaddy Gibson, Helen Psathas, Kulsoom Khan, Talha Mohammad Syed, Clifford Baker, Livy Visano, Debbie Kee, Steve Sicluna, Ioana Gheorghiu, Dave Boyce, Lesley Powell, Brenda Zimmerman, Andréé Paulin, James Nixon, Rosanna Furgiuele, Sgt. Jason Kraft, Sonia Gupta, Calvin Traynor, Jason Springer, Dewan Rhaman, Ceceil Beckford, Tka Pinnock, Tanya McFadyen, Janet Huang, Paul Elliott, Arti Mehta, Toby Mayer, Paul Bailey, Sarah Khan, Janine Manning, Rose Celebre

1. Chair and Co-Chair Remarks

- John Amanatides welcomed those in attendance and introduced Nadim Lalani as the Co-Chair. Nadim presented his reflections on President Shoukri's speech from the previous meeting, and outlined his vision to see the CSC grow from only safety to more community oriented. Nadim suggested that York Spirit and Safety were interconnected, and outlined three initiatives that would help both of these goals: The Prez in Rez program, Action program and York Day.

2. Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2012 and October 16, 2012

- John Amanatides motioned to approve minutes of September 26, 2012, seconded by Rob Kilfoyle. Minutes approved unanimously.
- John Amanatides motioned to approve minutes of October 26, 2012, seconded by Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues. Minutes approved unanimously.

3. Safety Audit Standing Committee Update – C. Davidson

- Catherine Davidson reported that as discussed at the October 16, 2012 session, the SASC is looking for ways to keep the membership engaged. SASC reviewed their mandate, looked at ways to be more flexible in regards to new members as a way to deal with high turnover, and also are increasing the frequency of the meetings. They discussed future guest speakers, indicating their December meeting will host SASSL as a guest.
- There was discussion around a lack of attendance at both the CSC and SASC meetings.
- There was also discussion surrounding the perception of the community and how days like Fall Day helps to change perceptions of how safe campus is.

4. Safety Initiatives Presentation – R. Castle

- Rob Castle provided an update of the METRAC safety audit implementation numbers. The presentation included a breakdown of spending on various projects like new blue light phones, new LCD screens, lighting upgrades, and new security staff and training. An outline of the new bulletin distribution protocol was given. Rob Castle announced that as of November 20, 2012 the new role and responsibilities of security officers will take effect, including being equipped with new personal protective equipment and provided with the power to carry out a citizen's arrest or assist another citizen in the pursuit of a suspect.
- Concern was expressed over who receives the security bulletins in the new bulletin distribution procedure. Rob indicated that currently when CPM staff receive bulletins, they are instructed to forward them to faculty and staff in their units. Students will now be receiving the bulletins directly. Some concern was raised about YUSA employees who do not have access to computers to receive these emails and Rob indicated that

he is working with others to determine a solution to this issue (which may include the printing and posting of notices by managers). He also indicated he is in the process of obtaining access to YUFA listservs enabling direct emailing.

5. Safety Awareness Campaign Update – E. Ceschia

- Elize Ceschia provided an update on the Safety Awareness Campaign, indicating the three prongs of the REDI program, an Active Bystander program, and current awareness initiatives. She indicated two phases of roll out: the first phase in February will include a soft launch of the Active Bystander campaign, and the REDI campaign, and the second phase in September 2013 will include a full launch of the Active Bystander program.

6. Queering Bystander Intervention Workshop -SASSL

- Alexandria Maclachlan is the events coordinator at SASSL. She gave an overview of an active bystander workshop that SASSL recently engaged in. The workshop was chosen after looking at available online resources as well as workshops at other Universities, and was chosen for its' focus on gender neutral language and non hetero-normative images. The beginning of the workshop discussed the need for a culture of community and worked to dispel myths surrounding individualism that may cause a person to remain passive. The workshop then focused on four scenarios that related to York, and helped participants open up a dialogue on exactly what is an unacceptable incident and how to intervene. The workshop also took into account differences in bystanders and recognized that not every bystander can intervene in the same way.
- Key goals of the workshop were to show participants that they can intervene, and to provide them with the appropriate tools to decide when intervention is needed and how to intervene.

7. Other Business – All

- Noël Badiou introduced the two new employees at CHR, Noa Ashkenazi and Graham Bowditch
- John asked members to discuss an email sent by Ioana Gheorghiu suggesting that a review of the CSC Terms of Reference and the frequency of the CSC meetings is in order.
- Discussion began with no concrete decisions reached. Possibilities include: smaller working groups on specific topics could be convened as the topic

dictates and then bring forward items to the larger group; scheduling meetings which are longer in duration as opposed to scheduling more meetings (as attendance may decrease with increased meetings); schedule to meet every 6 weeks

- There was a general feeling that scheduling meetings once a month would be too frequent.

8. Next meeting:

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