

**Community Safety Council
Planning Session
Tuesday, October 16, 2012
10:00 am – 11:30 am
203, Bethune College**

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Meeting Minutes

In attendance: John Amanatides, Nadim Lalani, Michelle Smith, Ioana Gheorghiu, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Elana Shugar, Elize Ceschia, Catherine Davidson, Matt Harris, Noël Badiou, Paula Gowdie Rose, Sheila Wilmot, Rob Castle, Rose Celebre

Regrets: Catherine Salole, Sunil Taneja, Christian Marjollet, Rob Kilfoyle, Debbie Hansen, Patricia Yu, Steve Dranitsaris, Amanda Hickman, Roshan Udit, Kaddy Gibson, Helen Psathas, Kulsoom Khan, Safiyah Husein, Talha Mohammad Syed, Clifford Baker, Prakash Amarasooriya, Livy Visano, Debbie Kee, Steve Sicluna, Dave Boyce, Bob Smith, Lesley Powell, Marc Wilchesky, Brenda Zimmerman, Andréé Paulin, James Nixon, Rosanna Furgiuele, Sgt. Jason Kraft, Pavel Castillo, Sonia Gupta, Calvin Traynor, Jason Springer, Dewan Rhaman, Kathy Branton, Ceceil Beckford, Tka Pinnock, Tanya McFadyen, Janet Huang, Scott Jarvis, Paul Elliott, Arti Mehta, Toby Mayer, Paul Bailey, Sarah Khan, Janine Manning

1. Chairs Remarks

- John Amanatides welcomed council members. John expressed to members that in the spirit of continuing to build a culture of safety and respect, he has placed "Don't be that guy" posters throughout Bethune College.

2. Work Plans for this year: Establishing Priorities

- Members discussed ideas for work plans for the 2012-2013 year. Ideas, questions and comments included the following:
 - METRAC report addresses 4 areas of focus, one being integrated and coordinated programs. Programs are not coordinated and so the CSC should review and establish how programs connect.
 - Is data on sexual assaults collected and analyzed for specific patterns? Is this information shared with the CSC?
 - Rob Castle indicated that Elize Ceschia is running detailed reports and compiled data into graph format. Approximately 20-25% of assaults occur

in September, typically on Fridays late in the day. Current data does not include gender violence however analysis can be done. Reports will be provided to the CSC at the November 20, 2012 council meeting. SASSL is to provide statistics as well.

- Janet Morrison will be facilitating a meeting on October 19, 2012 to discuss prevention strategies on recent incidents of Sexual Assault. The outcome of that meeting should be reported back to the CSC.
- Many community members are not aware of the CSC. Many of those who are aware, are not aware of the CSC's role. Some feel there is no value in having this committee.
- Utilizing the safety website, we can increase awareness. The site should be set up to allow community members make enquiries and we, as the CSC can answer those enquiries.
- CSC members reviewed the Terms of Reference with respect to purpose and mandate. TOR states:

The York University Community Safety Council (CSC) is an advisory body with a focus on safety outcomes, practices and policies. Reporting to the President, the Council will be inclusive of all parties in the communities in and around York University who share a concern for safety broadly defined (including, but is not limited to, issues specifically relating to women and transpeople, concerns about the physical environment and violence prevention). The Council will work collaboratively and proactively to amplify issues, facilitate coordination of safety related activities, focus attention of relevant administrative bodies and provide a forum for discussion of emerging challenges relating to safety. The Council has the purpose of being a check and balance on all groups and departments that have formal and informal accountability for safety in order to ensure that these issues are always top of mind, that nothing falls through the cracks and that tough questions and meaningful discussions are facilitated. The goal is to enhance a culture of safety and respect within York University.

- Perhaps CSC can hold an annual Town Hall meeting
- Plan a York Day event (mini Yorkfest) prior to school start and integrate with Frosh Week and "Can I Kiss You" event, targeting all audiences of the community. Invite security officials to attend.
- Students can develop effective YouTube commercials/videos with a focus on school spirit

- “Pres in Res” event – President/VP’s/AVP’s/executives can be on campus visiting residences, goSafe etc during the evening hours
- Plan a Spirit Day with a focus on Safety and invite the parents of students.
- Combine parent orientation with a safety spirit day.
- Arrange for a presentation to the CSC regarding orientation and how this is planned and facilitated
- Integrate and expand on existing programs.
- Safety Initiatives Working Group is currently building upon the Active Bystander theme. A marketing agency will be creating a brief. The campaign will be built on sound principles, incorporating RIAT, Green Dot program. The group is also focusing on student involvement and outreach. One meeting with students has taken place. The working group is hopeful for a 2013 implementation.
- CHR is in the process of hiring a Sexual Harassment Prevention/Education Advisor to be in place by November 2012. The position will connect with different areas on campus. A condensed version of the RIAT (REDI) tutorial is being developed with the pilot launch in January 2013.
- Arrange for SASSL to deliver the bystander intervention workshop to the CSC. Inclusivity training should be provided to the CSC once again for the 2012-2013 membership year.
- The Safety Audit Subcommittee should delve more thoroughly into two or three areas of the METRAC report and report back to the CSC.
- A suggestion was put forth to place the METRAC update as one of the first items for discussion on future CSC meeting agendas.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 20, 2012

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

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