

Community Safety Council Meeting
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Wednesday, March 2, 2011
YRT, 519

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Minutes

In attendance: Billy Gyamfi, James Nixon, Todd Zubyck, Chris Frost, Eleni Giovanopoulos, Susan Dimock, Marc Wilchesky, Steve Dranitsaris, Jacinthe Michaud, Nada Khan, Robert Cerjanec, Rob Kilfoyle, Sunil Taneja, Noël Badiou, Wendie Mo, Steve Sicluna, Amanda Glasbeek, Patricia Yu, Debbie Jamieson, Rosanna Furgiuele, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Rob Castle, Rose Celebre, Krisna Saravanamuttu, Paula Gowdie Rose, Richmond Lo, Katherine Bateman, Bob Smith, Debbie Kee, Przbyslaw Mejnarowicz, Scott Jarvis, Helen Psathas, Nicole Arsenault,

Regrets: Pat Bradshaw, Ceceil Beckford, Brian Chang, Robert Coutts, Catherine Davidson, Justin Ramdewar, Phil Steinersen, Livy Visano, Catherine Salole, Saud Ahmad, Oscar Mera-Burbano, Ginan Meerwali, Jessica Thyriar, Tka Pinnock, Sgt. Jason Kraft, Nisha Eswaran, Sharon Hooper, Richard Ooi, Luis Figueiredo, Marty Williams Robert Wai, Katherine Lapointe, Judy Meikle, Brittany Caron, Carolyn McDougall, Saba Rafiq, Sonia Gupta, Wanda Sanginese, Lynn MdDougall, Kawa Ada, Chinedu Ngadi

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Robert Cerjanec, acting Chair, welcomed members and introductions followed.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 24, 2010 meeting

- Susan Dimock moved to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Marc Wilchesky and unanimously approved.

3. Update on METRAC implementation

- Rob Castle provided an update on the METRAC implementation PowerPoint presentation attached
- Recommendation matrix available on website

4. Mass Notification System – Input to Planning Process

- Rob Castle provided power point presentation. Please refer to attachment.
- Council divided into working groups and provided feedback. See attachment.
- Steve Dranitsaris provided background information on Mass Notification System

5. goSafe Program update and feedback

Nicole Arsenault presented a summary of the goSafe program in the context of the METRAC review and highlighted a holistic perspective on the program including some of the challenges and the feedback she has received on the program.

Multiple perspectives were shared about goSafe in its current design and some of the challenges going forward with the program. Some of the perspectives included:

- Appreciation was expressed for the goSafe program and the consultative and continuous improvement approach engaged in by the staff
- Economic and resource considerations for example: how do we allocate the safety budget between competing priorities? How much tuition money gets allocated to safety vs. academic consideration? How do we allocate across an ever-expanding wish list of safety initiatives?
- Boundaries of York University for safety issues for example: how many safety-related initiatives should be started in the Village? What about the new developments planned for north end of the campus when subway comes in? Which safety initiatives are the responsibilities of the university, which are responsibilities of the local community and students living in the community and which are responsibilities of local police and city councilors etc.? Another question is should students have door to door service in the Village?
- Safety of goSafe Staff: Since goSafe staff are also York students, their needs for safety must also be taken into consideration

- Purposes of goSafe: Questions were raised about whether goSafe is designed to address academic priorities around safety (e.g. transportation for students working late in the library) or social (e.g. transportation of students from local clubs).

6. Security Statistics on the Website – Feedback

Rob Castle reviewed the security statistics. Attention must be paid to the presentation of the information keeping in mind implications for recruitment of students as well as needs to be transparent. Statistics need to be reviewed and brought back to council.

7. Safety Awareness Day – Feedback

This item is deferred to the next meeting.

8. Other Business

This item is deferred to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

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