

Safety Audit Sub-Committee Meeting

Friday, January 16, 2014

3:00 pm – 4:00pm

901, Kaneff Tower

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Minutes

In Attendance: Anne Moore, Chair; John Amanatides, Melissa Belisle, Rob Castle, Elize Ceschia, Craig Heron, Ioana Georghiu, Dimitra Markatas, Elana Shugar, Brandon Vieira

Regrets: Karanjit Bhathal, Matthew Harris, Mikhaela Gray, Jessica Thyriar

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Anne Moore welcomed those in attendance and the Committee members present introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes - December 12th, 2013

It was MOVED by Melissa Belisle and SECONDED by Brandon Vieira “That the minutes of December 12, 2013 meeting be confirmed as distributed.”

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

The Committee agreed to invite goSAFE as a guest to the next meeting. Robert Castle will follow up with goSAFE.

The members of the Committee were asked to submit their questions to the Chair and Secretary of the Committee by the end of next week. The list of questions will be shared with goSAFE a week in advance of the meeting. It was suggested that the members review Sections 2.18 – 2.21 of the METRAC recommendation to assist them in formulating the questions.

It was decided the next meeting take place on February 12, 2014 from 3:00-4:30pm.

Detailed Update on METRAC Recommendations

Copies of the updated METRAC Safety Audit Recommendation Progress Report were distributed to the members. Each recommendation is on a separate page where the theme,

action, status and comments are stated. The revised report, which will be AODA compliant, will be available online in a couple of weeks.

An update was given on the following METRAC recommendations:

1.8 Community Safety Council

- Safer Together Campaign
- York U Safety App: the application is being upgraded to meet the AODA requirements. The launch of the push notification feature requires a draft protocol. Added features include the 24/7 good to talk service and the mental health website. The upgrade is expected to be completed in February 2014. The goal for the Fall term was 10,000 downloads. After the protocol of push notification is finalized, 5,000 downloads will be added to the target.
- Safety Website
- Phase two of the Safer Together poster campaign
- OSCR, Health promotions, TBLGAY, YFS Access Centre, and Personal Council Service include the new areas that were added
- Active Bystander Program: the program is in the development process
- CSC Student Committee with Chair Prakash Amarasooriya is in place

1.9 Membership of CSC

- April 2013 – Consideration underway to review representative nature of CSC with the goal of enhancing faculty and student participation. The Office of the President has invited all Faculty Councils to appoint representatives. Nine Faculties have assigned a Council representative.

1.13 Violence Prevention Policy and Procedures

- Developing policy: The development of the Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention and Response Policy is a big initiative which is expected to be finalized in fall 2014.
- Working group meetings: The working group, which consists of Robert Castle, Elize Ceschia, Elana Shugar and Melisa Belisle met twice. CSC members were asked to provide their input on Sexual Assault Policy at the November 2013 Council meeting.

1.24 Multipurpose Spaces for Dialogue

- Student Centre Referendum: A second student centre, 20-30% larger than the existing one, will be added in fall 2014.

1.29 Prevent Rape Campaign

- September 2013 – You Had Me at Consent featuring keynote speaker Don McPherson was held. The event featured a community resource fair with internal and external organizations. Approximately 3,000 students attended.

2.1 Security Staffing Levels

- 6 new Security Officials are being added and added to the total staffing complement during the month of January/February 2014. Additionally, management is striving on implementing new methodologies for personnel deployment that will improve staffing during peak periods of campus activity

2.12 b. CCTV staff and effectiveness continued

- January 2014 – Major renovation of the William Small Security Services area including the Security Control Centre is moving forward. Equipment upgrading including CCTV monitoring, control and dispatch is part of the upgrade plans. New technologies for better image resolution and retention will be pursued where possible and financially feasible during this remodel. Over 650 CCTV cameras are installed on campus, mainly for investigative purposes.

2.14 Residence Watch Program Evaluation and Training

- Shifting to complete and ongoing. Security personnel are being added in residences every night until 7:00am. It is an addition to the current porter system.

2.22 Security Patrol Frequency

- 2014 – 6 new Security Officials are being hired and added to the total staffing complement during the month of January/February 2014. Additionally, management is striving on implementing new methodologies for personnel deployment that will improve staffing during peak periods of campus activity. This includes an additional shift covering the peak periods of campus activity Monday to Friday. When implemented, this initiative will drastically improve security official visibility while enabling a more proactive intelligence led crime reduction activity model. We are targeting for early to mid-part of 2014 for implementation.

3.29 Snow and Ice Removal

- Shifting to complete and ongoing

3.5 Exterior Lighting Upgrade

- Shifting to complete and ongoing

3.9 Signage Upgrades and Replacement

- Shifting to complete and ongoing

There was a discussion around the status of the METRAC recommendations, the definition of complete, complete and ongoing. Definitions of the status descriptions are provided on page 7 of the METRAC Safety Audit Recommendation Progress Report. Concerns were expressed regarding the criteria by which a status change is shifted. For example, is there a criterion by which sufficient resource allocation to exterior lighting is determined (e.g. lighting upgrades remain on the list no longer than a certain period of time)?

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on February 12, 2014 from 3:00-4:30pm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.