

Safety Audit Sub-Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2014

2:30 pm – 4:00pm

749, Kaneff Tower

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Minutes

In Attendance: Anne Moore, Chair; John Amanatides, Prakash Amarasooriya, Melissa Belisle, Karanjit Bhathal Elize Ceschia, Matthew Harris, Craig Heron, Safiyah Husein for Jessica Thyriar Ioana Georghiu, Dimitra Markatas, Elana Shugar

Regrets: Rob Castle, Mikhaela Gray, Brandon Vieira

Chair's Welcome

Chair Anne Moore welcomed those in attendance and stated that the purpose of the meeting is to review the proposed Equity Statement and to discuss on how to proceed with presenting the statement to the Senate Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee.

Review of the Equity Statement

Proposal: The CSC Student Committee identified the need to include York University's commitment to equity in course syllabi by developing a statement that is geared to the classroom. The current Senate Equity statement, which is also included in the current University Academic Plan, was drafted in 2009 and adopted as a statement for students. The proposed Equity Statement will be will not replace the current Senate Equity statement but it will represent a statement of values for students. It will be fully incorporated in every course syllabus with a link to the safety web page that provides the list of resources available to students/faculty/staff. The statement is consistent with YorkU values. It is short and concise in an effort to integrate these values into the classroom and create an opportunity for understanding and discussion.

The Community Safety Council provided its recommendations, which were incorporated in the Equity Statement. At the March 2014 meeting, the CSC approved the Equity Statement proposed by the CSC Student Committee.

The Safety Audit Committee members reviewed the draft Equity Statement, compared it to the Senate Statement from 2009 and provided their feedback (see Appendix).

Suggestions:

- Equity Statement: The link included in the Equity Statement should lead to the list of the resources available to the York Community www.yorku.ca/safety/resources. The resources could be alphabetized. The list of resources to be sent to the Committee for review.
- The document presenting the proposal to Senate should include: the purpose, the rationale, the process.

Next Steps

Elize and Prakash offered to put together the background information and share with Anne for her approval before sending it to the Committee members for their review.

Dimitra will connect with Sheryl Underhill, Secretary for the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, to check the availability of Leslie Sanders, Committee Chair, for scheduling a meeting. The Safety Audit Committee members proposed for the meeting to take place during the last week of April or 1st week of May.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.