

Safety Audit Sub-Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

9:00 am – 10:30am

956 Kaneff Tower

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Minutes

In Attendance: Anne Moore (Chair), Robert Castle, Siraz Chatha, Norma Sue Fisher-Sitt, Mikhaela Gray, Elana Shugar

Regrets: Prakash Amarasooriya, Roxana Jahani Aval, Rina Brandt, Rachele Clemente, Asal Kazemi, Mithilen Mathipalan, Katherine Newman, Dragan Spasojevic, Sunil Taneja, Lara Yehia

Chair's Welcome

Chair Anne Moore welcomed those in attendance to the third Safety Audit Sub-Committee Meeting of the academic year.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Anne Moore motioned to approve the meeting minutes of February 25th, 2015. The motion was carried and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

METRAC Recommendations (R Castle, E. Shugar)

72/100 METRAC recommendations are considered complete or complete and ongoing. Robert Castle and Elana Shugar presented an overview of the recommendations that are under review (8) and review pending (2). After discussion with the committee, some of the recommendations were moved into a new status category. The charts below reflect the discussion on each recommendation in these categories:

UNDER REVIEW (8)

Number	Recommendation	Comment
2.2	Satellite Security Hubs	In the process of reanimating a security hub between Vari Hall and the Bear Pitt. Renovations are being completed in the security control center to make it more hospitable and welcoming.
2.12 b.	CCTV Staff and Effectiveness Continued (Camera Effectiveness & Video Storage)	156 cameras are nearing the end of their lifespan. The University is developing a plan of renewal.
2.28	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Annual Reviews	The outdoor safety working group is proposing a recommendation regarding CPTED. Recommendation 2.28 is on the cusp of significantly advanced.

3.1 c.	Review Lighting Program Continued – Improving perimeter light at Keele and Glendon	The City of Toronto is responsible for the perimeter lighting at Keele and Glendon. This recommendation involves work that is out of the University’s jurisdiction.
3.16	Security Signs in Washrooms	
3.20	Standardized Emergency Procedures	In the case of an emergency, the University has developed multiple avenues of communication including, the mobile safety app, a 2 million dollar PA system and LED screens.
3.30	Review Safety Programs for Accessibility	
3.22	Safety Mirrors	The University has decided not to implement safety mirrors as they are easily broken which is a safety hazard. Safety mirrors also require a lot of maintenance.

REVIEW PENDING (2)

Number	Recommendation	Comment
2.31	Defensible Space	This recommendation will be moved to significantly advanced. The decision to implement a defensive space is reviewed on a case by case basis.
3.28	Accessibility Plan and Safety Audits	This recommendation will be moved to under review. A lot of work has been completed to satisfy this recommendation however, the qualifier of the recommendation includes ensuring that safety programs include intersectionality and gender. Helen Psathas will be contacted to see part of the recommendation can be applied to future audits.

Equity Statement Update

The intent of the equity statement is that it is informative and aspirational. Its purpose is to raise awareness which could potentially grow into an accountability framework. It has been suggested that the Committee should explore other avenues of dissemination to share the equity statement with the community. It was advised that Prakash Amarasooriya develop a recommendation regarding the Equity Statement to include in the final report. The recommendation should encourage the Committee to continue to work on the equity statement.

Safety Audit Report

The Safety Audit Committee focuses on monitoring the implementation of recommendations from previous Community Safety Council reports. Last year, the Audit Committee recommended that the Night Porter system be reviewed during orientation week. In September 2014, Residence staff ensured that there was 24 hour front desk coverage during orientation. Although the recommendation was not fulfilled as presented, the intent of the recommendation was met.

Anne Moore presented a DRAFT Audit Committee report to members for their review and feedback. It was suggested that a recommendation be added to the report that outlined the membership of the Audit Committee involving a minimum of 2 student representatives. It was also advised that a recommendation needs to highlight that meetings should take place at least every 2 months. There was discussion concerning the language in the first recommendation which included identifying the primary role of the Audit Committee as monitoring the recommendations made by the Community Safety Council. The Committee provided suggestions to clarify the proposed recommendation. It was suggested that a recommendation be developed to highlight the importance of having the Community Safety Department provide an update on security statistics and provide an overview of new roles and responsibilities at each Community Safety Council meeting. Anne Moore will circulate a revised report to Committee members within the next week.

Other Business

The METRAC report is not a constitutional binding document. As the METRAC is completed this summer, the Committee and Safety Council will continue to look forward. The METRAC document will be used as a reference but it should not hold the University accountable to certain recommendations. The Safety Council needs to reflect the ongoing safety aspirations of the community.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in July 2015.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.