

Safety Audit Sub-Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2014

2:00 pm – 3:30pm

956 Kaneff Tower

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Minutes

In Attendance: Anne Moore (Chair), Prakash Amarasooriya, Melissa Belisle, Rina Brandt, Robert Castle, Norma Sue Fisher, Mikhaela Gray, Dimitra Markatas, Mithilen Mathipalan, Elana Shugar, Sunil Taneja

Regrets:

Roxana Jahani Aval, Rachele Clemente, Asal Kazemi, Katherine Newman, Dragan Spasojevic, Lara Yehia

Chair's Welcome

Chair Anne Moore welcomed those in attendance and the Committee members present introduced themselves. The mandate of the committee was reviewed. The purpose of the Safety Audit Sub-Committee is to:

- monitor and oversee the implementation of METRAC recommendations,
- identify gaps in the implementation plans and
- make recommendations accordingly to CSC
- help CSC carry out its mandate (see below) through liaison with the Management Safety Committee

The METRAC Safety Audit Recommendations Report outlines progress made regarding the implementation of the recommendations.

Detailed Update on the progress of METRAC Recommendations (R.Castle)

A detailed update on the progress of METRAC recommendations was not provided to avoid repetition since an overview of the safety initiatives was given at the September Community Safety Council meeting. The Committee members were encouraged to review the METRAC Safety Audit Recommendations Report, which provides a summary of all METRAC recommendations and actions completed to date. The latest Report is available online at <http://safety.yorku.ca/metracssafetyaudit/recommendationreport/>

The recommendations are classified as completed, complete and ongoing, significantly advanced, actively under review, pending review and no status. The Recommendation Status Overview can be accessed through the following link:

<http://safety.yorku.ca/files/2014/02/14FEB12-METRAC-Recommendation-Status-Overview.pdf>

The 5 year audit process will be completed with an environmental scan in June 2015.

Robert Castle highlighted the progress of the following safety initiatives:

- Security Services: Security personnel have increased by 30% since 2011. There is a new shift structure as well as dedicated personnel in Scott Library which has decreased laptop theft.
- Exterior Blue Light Phones: 56 blue light phones have been implemented at Keele and 6 at Glendon.

Focus of the Audit Sub-Committee

The following recommendations were identified as focus areas for this Committee:

- The Sexual Assault Policy
- The Active By-stander program

In addition, it was suggested that the mandate of the Committee should include monitoring the implementation of the Annual Report recommendations submitted to the President by the Community Safety Council.

A concern was raised regarding how campus safety resources and information is relayed to students, staff and faculty. It was confirmed that the Safety Communication and Outreach and the Active Bystander Program working group will be addressing this type of issue.

Future Campus Safety Concerns

The group discussed the Pan Am games as well as the subway and how it will affect campus safety in the future. Classes will be shut down for 5-6 days while the Pan Am games take place. There will be designated security areas on campus. Staff will be trained on new lock down procedures because there can be inherent risks to international events.

Equity Statement Update

The Chair gave context and background information regarding the equity statement. Norma Sue and Anne Moore met with Maureen Armstrong, the University Secretary and General Counsel, to see what next steps should be taken. The equity statement needs to be clearer in

its role in safety and it needs a shorter and more definitive role in what it is supposed to accomplish. Maureen raised a concern in having the statement appear on course outlines. Maureen expressed interest in attending a meeting to provide recommendations on how the Sub-Committee and CSC should proceed.

The group engaged in a discussion on how to shorten the statement and how to address the community more broadly. It was suggested that the statement could appear on the YorkU Website.

Next Steps

At the next meeting Robert Castle and Elana Shugar will provide recommendations to the group that need a particular focus. The Sub-Committee will provide input, constructive criticism and engage in a discussion concerning the selected recommendations.

The Sub-Committee members will look at the questions that the President provided in response to the equity statement. Noël Badiou will be contacted by the Committee to answer question 1 included in the President's response to the CSC Annual Report.

The Committee will meet on Dec. 11 to draft responses to questions 2-5 which were also included in the President's response.

Maureen will be invited to attend the Safety Audit Sub-Committee meeting that will take place January.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.