

Community Safety Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 26, 2012
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
519, YRT

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Meeting Minutes

In attendance: President Mamdouh Shoukri, John Amanatides, Catherine Davidson, Noël Badiou, Catherine Salole, Sheila Wilmot, Sunil Taneja, Christian Marjollet, Rob Castle, Rob Kilfoyle, Ijade Maxwell Rodrigues, Matt Harris, Debbie Hansen, Patricia Yu, Steve Dranitsaris, Amanda Hickman, Roshan Udit, Kaddy Gibson, Helen Psathas, Kulsoom Khan, Safiyah Husein, Talha Mohammad Syed, Elize Ceschia, Nadim Lalani, Clifford Baker, Prakash Amarasooriya, Livy Visano, Elena Iosef, Leeanne Footman, Camille Dunbar, Debbie Kee, Steve Sicluna, Ioana Gheorghiu, Dave Boyce, Rose Celebre

Regrets: Bob Smith, Lesley Powell, Marc Wilchesky, Brenda Zimmerman, Andréé Paulin, James Nixon, Rosanna Furgiuele, Sgt. Jason Kraft, Pavel Castillo, Sonia Gupta, Calvin Traynor, Jason Springer, Dewan Rhaman, Kathy Branton, Ceceil Beckford, Tka Pinnock, Tanya McFadyen, Janet Huang, Scott Jarvis, Paula Gowdie Rose, Paul Elliott, Arti Mehta, Toby Mayer, Paul Bailey, Sarah Khan, Janine Manning

1. President's Comments

- President Mamdouh Shoukri extended his appreciation to all members for their dedication and continued work on the CSC. President Shoukri spoke of the need to find ways to reduce the number of incidents as one incident is one too many. The safety and security of the community is of utmost importance and is a shared responsibility, not just the responsibility of security officers. President Shoukri encouraged members to continue to be open, frank and to remember that all aspects of safety (not just physical) must be considered within the mandate of the Council.

2. Chair's Remarks

- John Amanatides welcomed all council members. John reiterated that the CSC must continue to build a culture of safety and respect through council

operations and initiatives. Members were asked to attend all CSC meetings and to send regrets if unable to attend. According to the CSC [terms of reference](#), designates are not permitted however if a designate attends, they may do so as an observer and not as a voting member.

3. Introduction of Members

- New and returning members of the CSC were introduced. Following introductions, President Shoukri encouraged members to continue to be open, frank and to remember that all aspects of safety (not just physical) must be considered within the mandate of the Council.

4. Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2012

- John Amanatides motioned to approve, minutes approved unanimously

5. Election of Student Co-Chair

- John Amanatides asked for student member nominees for the appointment of the council Vice-Chair. The following volunteers came forward:
 - Prakash Amarasooriya
 - Safiyah Husein
 - Nadim Lalani
 - Roshan Udit

Voting took place and Nadim Lalani was elected Vice-Chair of the committee.

6. Audit Committee Membership – C. Davidson

- Catherine Davidson provided an overview of the Safety Audit Sub Committee. The audit committee will meet 7-8 times per membership year. The following members will form the audit committee:
 - John Amanatides
 - Catherine Davidson
 - Rob Castle
 - Paula Gowdie Rose
 - Alastair Woods

- Elize Ceschia
- Clifford Baker
- Dave Boyce
- Sunil Taneja
- Sheila Wilmot
- Elana Shugar

7. Update on METRAC Report Implementation – R. Castle

- An update to the council was provided by Rob Castle. Rob will post revised METRAC documents onto the Safety website as well as distribute a copy to the Community Safety Council listserv.

7a. Role of Security Officers – R. Kilfoyle

- A total of 10 new security officials and 2 new supervisors have been hired by Security Services. The university will institute a new intervention model which will allow trained and certified security personnel to make a citizen's arrest. Security officers will be equipped with handcuffs (to be used only to arrest) and batons (to be used only to defend oneself). The intent of a citizen's arrest would be to retain an individual until Toronto Police Services arrives. If a threat exists, the individual will be transported to a secure area until Toronto Police Services arrives. The training of security personnel was extensive and included verbal judo, crime prevention, emergency response, law, decision making/judgment, inclusivity and positive space. Annual training will be provided to security officials. Rob reiterated that Security staff is present to serve and protect the York University community from outsiders who might pose a threat to community members and/or the university as a whole and asked the CSC to be supportive of Security Services.

8. Safety Awareness Campaign Update – R. Castle

- Rob provided an update to council. Highlights included lighting improvement throughout campus, 17 additional blue phones are being installed representing an increase of 50%, 70 LCD screens have been installed across campus, 2 buildings have been equipped with public address systems, the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee has been established, a new method of communicating security bulletins has been implemented.

8a. Introduction of Elize Ceschia

- Elize Ceschia currently holds the position of Safety Initiatives Coordinator. A working group has been formed and the members have met. The working group will focus on dialogue, community engagement/empowerment, the active bystander approach and the implementation of the Safety Awareness Campaign. The working group's plans from present to orientation 2013 (Jan 2013) include the promotion of the safety website, working with various student groups, promote "taking back our campus" and standing up against violence, build on inclusivity, human rights and safety as well as organize events to take place during orientation 2013. Elize can be contacted at ceschia@yorku.ca

9. Work Plans for this year – Establishing Priorities – All

- John asked members to think about the issues that should be covered as a committee. Due to time restraints, this item has been deferred. Nadim motioned to schedule an additional planning session for the purpose of discussing this item. Council members were asked to submit their suggestions to John via email amana@yorku.ca.

10. Next meeting:

Planning Session
Tuesday, October 16, 2012
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Bethune College – BC 203