

Community Safety Council

Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2019

11:00am-1:00pm

280N York Lanes

In attendance: Lorne Foster, Neville McGuire, Samina Sami, Aldo Altomare, Susan Seaby, Maria Aurora Nunez, Mary Brugnano, Mike O'Brien, Terry Wright, Amenda Chow, Bob Smith, Scarlett Farquhar, Michael Mahon, John Amanatide, Teresa DuCroix, Ross McMillan, Arthi Velupillai, Megan Hillman, Daryl Nauman, Melanie Howard, Mark Pellegrini, Sima Nezhadi, Jessie Whyte, Adam Brihmi, Sean Siddik, Amal Awini, Colette Leier, Yanni Dagonas, Marion Frankian, Ronald Tapley, Sgt. Evan McDermott, Kelly Young, Clive Braham, Cheryl van Daalen-Smith, Marc Wilchesky, Marian MacGregor, Debbie Hansen.

Regrets: Carol McAulay, Lisa Phillips, Saptarishi Bandopadhyay, Estair Van Wagner, Alia Karim, Peter Mumford, John Mayberry, Azinwi Kien, Jason Springer, Andrew Little, Dragan Spasojevic, Gordon Albright, Lesley Powell, Helen Psathas, Sue Bulof, Brendan Schulz, Sheila Wilmot, Jodi Tavares, Sgt. Stephen Hicks, Terry Maley, Ian Roberge, Lucas Demirian, Kiara Tsagkaris, Swati Rai, Rawan Habib, Kat Kahnert-Wolchak, Anika Peng, Paul Elliott, Lance Morrison.

1. Opening Remarks

Lorne Foster, Chair, welcomed members. He noted that the meeting had been arranged via Doodle using the date and time that worked best for the largest number of people. He also noted that the meeting aim was to finalize the new terms of reference.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Council's minutes from January 31, 2018 be approved provided that the correction be made that Scarlett Farquhar was in attendance.

4. Draft Terms of Reference Discussion

Quarterly meetings

Members considered whether Council meetings should be changed from quarterly to triennially. A disadvantage of summer meetings is that there is often a small turn out. An advantage of maintaining the summer meetings is that they could be useful to prepare

for the upcoming school year. Members concluded that the meetings would remain quarterly.

Meeting scheduling

A member asked why no meeting had been scheduled since 2018. L. Foster explained that the meeting had been delayed because of the strike and scheduling with numerous people, including the President's Office. In the future, if there is a delay, L. Foster invited members to contact him/the Chair.

Another member asked who decides when to call a meeting. L. Foster clarified that the Chair calls the meetings; however, scheduling (i.e. date and time selection) is negotiated

Delegates

Members found that using both terms "representative" and "designate" caused confusion; therefore, only the term "designate" would be used for clarity.

If members cannot attend a meeting, then they are expected to acknowledge in advance who the designate from their constituency will be. It is up to organizations to select their designates.

The statement that a designate can "observe" a meeting may suggest that the designate cannot participate; therefore, members concluded that "observe" will be changed to "participate". To clarify, designates can vote.

Quorum

The terms of reference will include quorum as one-third of the members.

Vice-Chair

Members decided that the role of the Vice-Chair should be added to the terms of reference. The Vice-Chair will (i) actively liaise with student groups to ensure that student voices are heard, (ii) help to co-create the agenda with the Chair and (iii) if the Chair cannot attend a meeting, act as the Chair. These three points will be brought back to the Council to make sure that there is agreement.

Appendix Changes

The President is invited to meetings. Members decided to add the President and Vice-President to the Council membership list ex officio. Members also decided that it is reasonable for the President to attend at least one meeting quarterly.

The following changes will be made: (i) "Executive Officer" of Libraries will replace "Associate Dean", (ii) "Heads" will replace "Masters", (iii) Executive Director, Community

Support & Services, which oversees OSCR and the Centre for Sexual Violence Response, Support & Education, will replace the “OSCR Manager”, (iv) Toronto Police Services will be added and (v) “Faculty” in “Student Council President” will be added.

Student Presidents

Members considered whether “President” should be removed from YFS, YUGSA and GCSU/AÉCG or whether “President”/“President (or designate)” should be added for all member groups, where applicable. A vote determined that “President” would be removed.

5. Community Safety Strategic Plan Presentation

Samina Sami, Executive Director of the Community Safety Department, presented on the Strategic Plan. Between 7,000 to 10,000 people were consulted to prepare the Strategic Plan. The four pillars of the Strategic Plan are: (i) prevention, (ii) response, (iii) communications and (iv) evaluation. S. Sami stated that everyone can play a role in safety. Future safety initiatives include a pedestrian safety campaign, a bystander campaign because people prop doors open, a campaign to help people know where to go to report a concern, such as harassment, and examining ways to improve safety bulletins, considering sensitivity, timeliness and trigger warnings.

S. Sami acknowledged that a disparity exists between the Glendon and Keele campus with respect to safety resources, such as CCTV equipment. However, work is being done to reduce the disparity and increase the accessibility of French and English safety materials. Ad hoc committees can be created for issues as they arise. For example, S. Sami invited interested members to contact her if interested in assisting with an upcoming safety award committee.

6. Emergency Management Presentation

Mike O’Brien, Manager of Emergency Preparedness, presented on some projects that he is currently working on. One initiative is the Community Resilience Advisory Group (CRAG), which is an informal group that meets twice, two months apart to discuss emergency management topics. He is creating training videos on Active Attackers and Building Evacuation. Also, he is working on improving emergency notification systems and will work with the Toronto Fire Services to designate areas where persons with disabilities can go to to receive emergency evacuation assistance.

7. Next steps

- The Council needs a new Vice-Chair because the previous Vice-Chair graduated.
- As requested, the two PowerPoint presentations will be sent to the members.
- Once finalized, the Terms of Reference will be provided in French and English.
- The Council will aim to have a meeting in the summer.