

**Dalhousie University**  
**Transportation and Security Committee**  
TEAMS Meeting  
November 16, 2021

**Attendees:** **P. Jones** – Sexton Campus Representative (Co-Chair)  
**M. Burns** - Director of Security Services  
**J. Aguinaga** – Environmental Health & Safety  
**S. Spracklin** – NSGEU (District #77)  
**K. Siewrattan** – DSU, Director of Operations  
**K. D’Souza** – Office of Sustainability  
**S. Huybers** – DFA representative  
**P. Bourgeois** – Carleton Campus Rep  
**M. Hill** – recording secretary

**Regrets:** **P. Coutts** – Assistant VP, Facilities Management  
**T. Myra** – DPMG representative (Co-Chair)

**Absent:** Studley Campus Representative - TBD  
AC Campus Representative TBD  
NSGEU (District #99)  
Senate Representative, Halifax Campus - TBD  
Senate Representative, AC Campus – TBD

**1. Call to Order**

Teams – online - meeting called to order by Peter Jones at 10:01 am.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from October 19, 2021 was reviewed and approved.

**3. Business arising from previous minutes:**

There is nothing to report at this time.

**4. Security Items**

**Mr. Michael Burns reported on the following items:**

Parking:

- It has been 2 months since the HotSpot parking utilization began. It was advertised, so there was a significant uptake and appears to be working well.
- Regarding general parking and pandemic, there has been an increase in the number of student permits sold, with the assumption being that there is a reluctance to use public transportation. On the other hand, there has been a decrease in the number of permits sold for faculty/staff, as there are still number of people working on a hybrid schedule. The upside to this, is that people have a better chance of finding a space to park.
- There is no new construction on campus that will take up any parking spaces. The area in McCain that was being used as a hoarding area has been returned to reserved inventory.

The only area still used for hoarding is the area adjacent to the Central Service Building (15-18 spaces affected), which is being used for the ongoing thermal plant installation/renovation project.

#### Security Report:

- Following a small fire last Sunday, the Biology building has been closed. Although damage was minimal, there is still a strong smell which makes wearing mask very uncomfortable. The building will not be accessible until this has cleared.
- Following the study break there was an increase in mental health related first aid calls from students, quite possibly due to anxiety caused by the impending exams.
- The Security Office has hired 2 new shift supervisors:
  - ✓ A Bojang - Has been working for the Security Office for the last few years is now a Shift Supervisor.
  - ✓ Kelly Harmer – Is new to Dal, coming from the UK where she worked as a security manager for The London Art Gallery.
  - ✓ A new position for AC Security Supervisor has been posted. We will be able to announce the successful candidate in the next couple of months.

#### **5. Transportation**

##### **K. D'Souza reported on the following items:**

- Transportation Demand Management Coordinator Scott McPhee is busy working on the Employee Bus Pass program. Uptake numbers match previous years.
- Scott has also completed the Accessibility Audit with a couple of students. The parking lot audit has also been finished, and the data will be analyzed in the next couple of weeks.
- There has been an uptake in bike rooms and bike racks/services.

#### **6. New Business**

There is nothing to report at this time.

#### **7. Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 10:40am

**The next scheduled meeting: Mona Campbell Conference Room 3207, January 18, 2022  
Meeting will be done virtually through Teams meeting @10:00am.**