

**Dalhousie University**  
**Transportation and Security Committee**  
Mona Campbell Building, MC 3207  
April 20, 2021

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

**Regrets:** **T. Myra** – DPMG representative (Co-Chair)  
**S. Andrews** – Studley Campus Representative  
**K. Siewrattan** – DSU, Director of Operations  
**P. Coutts** – Assistant VP, Facilities Management  
**P. Bourgeois** – Carleton Campus Rep  
**S. Huybers** – DFA representative

**Absent:** 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 10:00 am.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from March 2021 minutes were 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:**

- Exams are winding up, and students are gradually moving out of residence. The last day of exams on the Halifax campus is this Friday/Saturday, and residents will have to be vacated by noon on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The AC campus’ exams ended earlier, and the last day to move out of residence is today.
- International students will arrive shortly after the winter term. As per Federal government policy, students coming in from abroad to Halifax are required to quarantine at the Westin Hotel for 2 weeks. With the limited accommodation in Halifax, some students are inquiring about the ability to live in one of the campus residential facilities over the summer. There are 150 students now, and this may

increase to 200, which is not unusual. Prior to the pandemic there were at least 300. It may just be Risley Hall that will open for the summer.

- Mr. Burns, Mr. J. Aguinaga and a team from Student Affairs are in discussions regarding the planning phase that has to be created and accepted by the Return to Campus Committee.
- Last week a memo was released indicating the plan to start bringing Dalhousie staff back to campus starting by the end of June, with the majority back in September. Once 60% of the staff are back on campus, building access will start opening up.
- Mr. J. Aguinaga – Executive Director of the Environmental, Health and Safety Office, noted the frame work of a multilayer approach, which will end to be approved:
  - By September, we expect that most of the population will have been partially, and in many cases, fully vaccinated (2<sup>nd</sup> dose).
  - Maintaining physical distancing between people, which will be reduced from 2 meters to 1.
  - Masks will still be required when in large groups.
  - Keeping the work-place clean and sanitized..
  - Maintain contact tracing information for students, staff and the public visiting the campus. This is a conservation approach and depends on what things will be like in September. This multilayer approach will help protect the public. Even when the majority of the population have been vaccinated, COVID-19 will remain a part of our lives. 20-25% of the population of Nova Scotia are not able to or have chosen not to get the vaccine, which means that COVID will remain in our environment for a period of time.

#### Parking:

- Mr. Burns advised the committee that the security team is exploring flexible parking options – i.e. two or three times per week parking permit. If this goes through, this would result in another permit type.
- HRM have been using Hot Spot Parking to allow parking payments via a mobile app. Mr. Burns and his team are working with Hot Spot Parking, and are hoping to have something in place for the upcoming academic year. Other Universities in HRM have started adopting this application to their campuses.
- Parking Rates – FM Finance are in the process of closing the previous fiscal year. In order to determine the new 2021-2022 rates, we will be inviting Dave MacDonald, FM Finance Manager, attend and present during May's meeting.
- Construction on campus is still ongoing and will continue for quite some time. We are also expecting a delivery today of a 92 ton boiler at the Central Services building, to replace the old one.
- There is some disruption along Alumni Crescent as the turf is being replaced on Wickwire field.

## **5. Transportation**

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

- E-Pass has 150 active users. Members have been dropping in and out of the program due to their changing work schedules.
- The Accessibility Report should be ready within the next few weeks.
- The Transportation Management, is a one pager to be circulated to employees letting them know what programs are available to them and what their options are.

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

There is nothing to report at this time.

**7. Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

**The next scheduled meeting: Mona Campbell Conference Room 3207, June 1, 2021  
Meeting will be done virtually through Teams meeting @10:00am.**