

Dalhousie University
Transportation and Security Committee
Mona Campbell Building, MC 3207
February 16, 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 10:07 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 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 annual report:

- In comparison to last year’s GIR (General Investigation Report), all campuses’ activity is down 50 to 75% from September 1, 2020 to February 16, 2021.
- First Aid/Mental Health Calls – considering residential occupancy is at 25%, the number of calls/report are trending similarly to last year.
- Graffiti – Even though there are so few people on campus, reports of graffiti have been steady.
- Concerning parking, there have been a number of fender benders on campus, with no associated injuries. There is no easy explanation as to why this is happening, as there is a lot of available parking.
- Ticketing – As overnight parking is not permitted, vehicles parked overnight on campus have been ticketed. There are still light numbers of vehicles on campus.

- General Call of Service – Many calls are driven by access requests, since buildings have been locked since April last year.
- Mask Complaints – There have been a few complaints reported. Otherwise the University community has been compliant in following COVID19 protocols.

5. Transportation

K. D'Souza reported on the following items:

- E-pass -170 people have signed up. This was expected as most of the Dalhousie faculty/staff are still working from home.
- K. D'Souza also presented Parking Lot Audit 2020:
 - There are significant decrease in parking this year, down 23-26%.
 - The parking duration ranking has switched. Sexton was ranked last and is now first, and Studley is now last. This could be due to more hands-on/in-person lab work at the Sexton campus. Mr. Burns also added that most vehicles parked at the Rosina lot are illegally parked, since the downtown businesses notice less vehicles on campus.
 - AC parking – The Cox has decent peak occupancy at 80-90%.
- Sustainability has hired a student to work on the Act of Transportation and Accessibility Report. Students will be providing recommendations around the data collected over the last 6 months.
- The commuter campaign generally happens in June, but will not likely be taking place this year as people may not be commuting or more likely still be working from home. Bicycling, walking and busing will be promoted around that time.

6. New Business

There is nothing to report at this time.

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

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**The next scheduled meeting: Mona Campbell Conference Room 3207, March 16, 2021
Meeting will be done virtually through Teams meeting @10:00am.**