

Dalhousie University
Transportation and Security Committee
Mona Campbell Building, MC 3207
March 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
T. Myra – DPMG representative (Co-Chair)
K. D’Souza – Office of Sustainability
K. Siewrattan – DSU, Director of Operations
S. Huybers – DFA representative
P. Bourgeois – Carleton Campus Rep
M. Hill – recording secretary

Regrets: **S. Andrews** – Studley Campus Representative
P. Coutts – Assistant VP, Facilities Management

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 10:10 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:

- As we approach the end of the term, the province is allowing people to gather outside campus. We are seeing the results of that now. On St. Patrick’s Day, there will an extra Security presence on campus to make sure that we don’t end up with an associated super cluster event.
- Students are considering going home for the Easter weekend, so it may be quiet during that time on campus.
- There have been numerous meetings regarding what the campus will look like in the fall of 2021 and how to manage the Covid19 pandemic when everyone is back to work on campus. Mr. J. Aguinaga noted that he, along with representatives from 10 other Universities, will be meeting with Dr. Strang to discuss this issue. Mr. J. Aguinaga also added that Dr. Strang is hopeful, that as the vaccine roll out continues throughout the summer, the public health emergency will decline to the

point that the declaration of emergency can be dropped. This will trigger allowances of larger gatherings and less dependency on social distancing. However, Covid19 will remain a part of our life throughout 2021-2022. Dalhousie University is looking into bringing classes back, but will likely to have some restriction on the number of students in classrooms. Even with a vaccination, there is no guarantee against infection, though vaccines should at least minimize the severity of symptoms. People with pre-existing conditions will be especially vulnerable. There will likely be more relaxed rules in the fall, and there is also talk some staff continuing to work remotely, or on some kind of hybrid schedule.

- Mr. Burns added that in light of the probability of staff continuing to work from home/partially on campus, the parking revenue will definitely be affected. Mr. Burns advised the committee that he is exploring the 'Hot Spot' parking application for Dalhousie University members who are only interested in paying for when they come on campus.
- DalSafe – We are looking at adding another feature to DalSafe, a COVID Self-Assessment Tool. Security have put up hundreds of notices all over campus at building entrances, requiring daily affirmation that people entering have completed a COVID self-assessment (no symptoms, inter-provincial travel, or contact with positive cases). This feature is in the process of being developed and Mr. Burns may have additional information on process at the next meeting. DalSafe doesn't require a NetID or password, but this may be required for outside visitors.

Mr. Burns advised the committee that the new permit rates will be impacted by the COVID pandemic. This should be discussed during the May/June meeting.

Co-Op Student Hiring:

Ms. Theresa Myra, who works with the Science, IT and Engineering Co-Op Program, advised the committee that there are third- and fourth-year co-op students available (Science, Computer Science and Engineering departments) to work for anyone looking to hire students to help and finish a project, should contact Ms. T. Myra.

5. Transportation

K. D'Souza reported on the following items:

- E-Pass has 160 active users. Members have been dropping in and out of the program due to their changing work schedules.
- Transportation Management Coordinator Scott McPhee has finished the Transportation Report, which should be available to view online.
- The Accessibility Management Report should be finalized within the next couple of months.

6. New Business

There is nothing to report at this time.

7. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 10:38am.

The next scheduled meeting: April 20, 2021. Meeting will be done virtually through Teams meeting @10:00am.