

Dalhousie University
Transportation and Security Committee
Mona Campbell Building, MC 3207
September 15, 2020

Attendees: **P. Jones** – Sexton Campus Representative (Co-Chair)
M. Burns - Director of Security Services
T. Myra – DPMG representative
R. Owen – Office of Sustainability
J. Aguinaga – Environmental Health & Safety
S. Spracklin – NSGEU (District #77)
P. Bourgeois – Carleton Campus Rep
S. Huybers – DFA representative
M. Hill – recording secretary

Regrets: **Isa Wright** – VPFO, DSU representative
S. Andrews – Studley Campus Representative
P. Coutts – Assistant VP, Facilities Management

Absent: AC Campus representative
NSGEU (District #99)
Senate Representative, Halifax Campus - TBA
Senate Representative, AC Campus – TBA

1. Call to Order

Teams – online - meeting called to order by Peter Jones at 10:05 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. Business arising from previous minutes:

Parking Issues:

The Security Office has sent out a notice to all reserved parking permit holders informing them of the option to delay the renewal.

4. Security Items

Mr. Michael Burns reported on the following items:

Security Report:

- It has been relatively quiet on campus since faculty/staff are working remotely and students are attending online classes.
- 25% of faculty/staff have returned to campus. The LSC and Carleton areas are busy.
- There are 1,000 students on campus attending in-class sessions for dentistry, medical, nursing and occupational therapy.
- There are 730-740 students living in the Dalhousie residences.

- The SUB is the only building that has open access, however a lot of the furniture has been removed to control crowding.
- The Return to Campus Committee periodically updates the Dalhousie University community on COVID19 protocols.
- The most active request for Security, is providing staff access to buildings as required.

Parking:

- Sales have been slow, therefore a lot of spaces on campus are available for regular parking permits.
- As of September 10th, 457 Faculty/Staff general parking permits were sold and 109 students' general permits were sold. In a normal year, there would have been 2,000 F/S permits sold. 20% of the reserved permits were renewed, with the remainder delaying for a year.
- There have been numerous vehicles illegally parked at the Rosina Lot which have been getting ticketed/booted.
- Agricultural Campus, Truro – Students are back in class for hands-on sessions. Normally there would be 275 students living in residence, however at this time there are only 36 students doing so.
- Mr. Jerry Aguinaga added that the custodians' workloads are heavier due to the extra sanitizing required in offices. Work from home is being encouraged for staff and there are now over 100 custodians working on campus.

5. Transportation

Ms. Rochelle Owen reported on the following updates:

- The AC parking study/survey will be completed next week, which is a comparable timeframe to previous years.
- Last year's Commuter Survey, which was completed in January 2020, will be circulated.
- Of the E-pass program's 400 participants, half have cancelled. Participants who are cancelling this year have been asked to surrender their bus pass to Sustainability to avoid being charged. When these participants return to camps, they will be reinstated in the program.
- NS Accessibility Act - Dalhousie University Transportation is leading a group which is studying ways to connect accessibility to transit, pedestrian, cyclist and motorized bike traffic. Ms. R. Owen is working on a transportation plan that will be drafted by February 2021. There are 10 students starting next week and Ms. Owen is still looking to recruit people who are interested in joining the team. Ms. S. Huybers has expressed interest in being involved in the program with Ms. Owen's team.

6. New Business

- New Committee Chair: Ms. Theresa Myra will co-chair the committee with Mr. Peter Jones.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58am

**The next scheduled meeting: Mona Campbell Conference Room 3207, October 20, 2020
Meeting will be done virtually through Teams meeting @10:00am.**