

Legislation Text

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DEBRIEF FROM THE 2019 STUDENT ORIENTATION AT GEORGIAN COLLEGE

The Committee provided a post mortem of Georgian College's 2019 Student Orientation Session which was held on September 3, 2019.

The Committee discussed overall success of the orientation. B. Muscat noted that approximately 6,000 students received their U-Pass Transit Pass. He suggested that the transit pass be included on the student card, instead of using a sticker. This may be investigated for the Winter semester intake in January.

R. Calvano, Director of Campus Safety and Security at Georgian College noted that presentations were made by Barrie Police Service as well as many City of Barrie Departments. He advised that the Barrie Police Service did a presentation at the International Student Orientation, and felt that the presentation could be re-focused to be more informative for international students. He noted that a suggestion was made by the Barrie Police Service to do an 'active shooter' exercise at the Barrie campus, which would also include paramedics and Barrie Fire and Emergency Services. A campus safety video discussing sexual violence will be available on the Georgian website.

The Committee provided suggestions for improvements to future orientations. M. Gallagher suggested providing students with more detailed off campus housing information with respect to the City's requirements. J. Morozuk indicated that it is important to have increased neighbour representation, and would also like to see continued representation by City of Barrie Councillor(s). It was also agreed that it is important to develop activities that better engage the students. J. Morozuk also noted that while there is a newcomer program at the library, winter is very difficult for International Students, especially during the holidays. She feels that it is especially important to foster relationships between students and neighbours at this time of year. R. Meier noted that connecting students with seniors in the community is included in the Shift Government project.

B. Muscat advised that Georgian College will be implementing safety measures for students with classes that end in the evenings. In order to keep up with growth and provide flexible class schedules, there are now approximately 89-90 classes that end between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

The Committee agreed that an orientation plan for the Winter intake be ready for discussion at the November 28th meeting.