

**Faculty of Science**

**Science Safety and Health Committee Minutes**

**October 21, 2022 online**

**Attendance August 2022 – June 2023**

Y=Present

P=Proxy received

A=Absent

<i>Name</i>	<i>Area</i>	Aug 17	Sep 23	Oct 21	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Sonia Walczak	VTEC	A	Y	Y								
Tara Geiger	VTEC	A	P	P	P	P						
Kathy Baethke	Biology tech-Co-chair	Y	Y	Y								
Christine Petersen	Biology	Y	Y	Y								
Michelle Bohem	Chemistry tech	Y	Y	Y								
Christina Mohr	Chemistry	A	Y	Y								
Nisha Puthiyedth	Computing Science	A	Y	Y								
Yan Yan	Computing Science	A	O	N		L	E	A	V	E		
Catharine Tatarniuk	Engineering	Y	P	P	P	P						
Nancy Van Wagoner	Geology	A	A	A								
Yehia Mahmoud	Math	A	Y	A								
Joanna Urban	Microbiology-Co-chair	Y	Y	Y								
Sheri Watson	NRS	A	Y	P								
Colin Taylor	Physics	A	Y	Y								
Janine Rostron	Respiratory Therapy	Y	Y	Y								
Christine Miller	UEPrep	A	A	A								
<b>Resource members</b>												
Stephanie Lawrence	OSEM	Y	Y	A								
Sarah Martin	Health Safety Manager	A	A	A								
Tara Langley	Recorder	Y	Y	Y	left	com	mit	tee				
Corinne Petersen	Administrative Rep	A	A	Y								
Henry Chan	OSEM	Y	Y	Y								

**Peggy-Jo Broad attending as proxy for Sheri Watson.**

**Avril Fink attending as proxy for Catharine Tatarniuk.**

1. Meeting called to order: 1:00 PM
2. Motion to adopt agenda by: Christina Mohr **Seconded by:** Christine Petersen **Passed.**
  - Additions to agenda: none
3. Review of Minutes from September 23, 2022:
4. Motion to adopt Sept 23, 2022 minutes by: Corinne Petersen **Seconded by:** Sonia Walczak **Passed.**
5. Old Business:
  - a) Inspections training (OSEM): AED demonstration is available for employees wanting to learn, inspections training available anytime

b) **WHMIS 2015 training for science students:** OSEM discussed WHMIS training for science students at Faculty leadership meeting without consultation of SSHC. Many faculty questions regarding how this will be rolled out.

- ***ACTION:** Henry will check with Sarah regarding regulations for science students taking WHMIS. Kathy and Joanna will follow up with OSEM and inform SSHC of results.*
- Other universities require science students to take safety and WHMIS course.

c) **Eyewashes S172, S274:** S172/265 has them installed. S274 still needs station installed. Please put expiration dates on these.

- ***ACTION:** Kathy will order. Michelle will check the chemical bunker station also. Greenhouse station needs expiry date.*

## 6. New Business:

a) **Tara Langley's term at an end. New minute taker needed.** Thank you to Christina Mohr for volunteering.

b) **Communication between TRU departments- Joanna:** See above re: WHMIS training

c) **Security response to first aid- Janine:** Instructors calling security note that responders are reluctant and unaware this is their job, students not assessed in privacy but in front of classmates, inappropriate responses from security towards patient.

- For first aid emergencies, you must call security (not for colds/feeling sick)
- Incident where student didn't want security called for a bandaid to cover glass cut, potential issue for infection/ biohazard.
- ***ACTION:** Henry will discuss with OSEM regarding concerns with security response*

d) **Lab coats in hallways. Standard procedure for building- Kathy:** Students are walking between floors, in and out of labs with lab coats on. CL2 lab is licensed therefore must keep protocol but chemistry students need to wear coats between labs. Onus should be on supervisor of students to make sure cross contamination is not happening.

- ***ACTION:** An email will be sent to supervisors of CL2 lab and chemistry labs regarding this issue*

e) **Face to face meetings:** *Tabled to next year (2023)*

f) **Student Representative- Kathy:** Students don't fit committee criteria because they are not an employee or employer, the safety committee is mandated by the government (sub-committee of JOHSC).

- Students can let faculty know of issues then faculty can bring to meeting.

g) **October Inspection: Labs 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Janine and Kathy:** Shower pole not attached, fire extinguisher not attached, fume hood stickers not updated, eyewash station needed to be mounted, spill kits not found, inadequate step stool, no ER contact signage, couldn't open mercury spill kit. (lots of issues due to current renovations)

- All eyewashes and showers have been tested this month. Could get students to do some of the testing so they learn how to use equipment.
- ***ACTION:** everyone relay to your department that when people are teaching in labs/classrooms, it is the instructors responsibility to bring forward any safety/ergonomic issues to the SSHC or make Archibus to fix the situation.*

h) **Inspections once or twice a year – exceptions if follow-up needed?** For chemistry it's important to know at the beginning of each semester that everything is good to go. Missing floor tiles in Chemistry prep area- concern regarding asbestos.

- Action and follow up dates should be on inspection list.
- Will keep existing schedule as is except for Engineering labs in Old Main.

i) **Inspection Schedule:** 13 spots and 15 committee members so everyone should be signing up at least twice for the year.

j) **Updated TOR to more closely align with WorkSafeBC – mini committee:** Stephanie will help using WorkSafe BC TOR's rules and update the SSHC TOR. Kathy Baethke, Nisha Puthiyedth and Colin Taylor will take this on.

k) **Incident report- Henry:** Possible test tube cut in Biol, needle poke in RT, hives in RT.

7. **Adjourned: 2:13 pm**

Next meeting: November 18, 2022 1-2:00 PM

*Minutes recorded by Tara Langlely and reviewed by Kathy Baethke and Joanna Urban.*