Record of Meeting

Location: Petch 206  Date: Tuesday, March 25th  Time: 1:00 PM

Attendees:

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<th>John Hall (Faculty of Science)</th>
<th>Melinda Powell (CUPE 951, BIOC)</th>
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<td>Neil Honkanen (CUPE 951, PHYS)</td>
<td>Oliver Krupke (CUPE 4163 Comp 1, BIOC)</td>
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<td>Margaret Blake (Dept. of Bioc &amp; Micr)</td>
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<td>Paul Poffenberger (Grant Funded, PHYS)</td>
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<td>Troy Hasanen (OHSE)</td>
<td>Fraser Hof (Faculty, CHEM)</td>
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<td>Dean Rysstad (OHSE)</td>
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Regrets:  Janice Gough (Dept. of Biology), Evelyn Wiebe (Division of Medical Sciences), Kurt McBurney (Faculty, DMS), Patrick Nahirney (Faculty, DMS), Rosemary Pulez (Dept. of Chemistry), Terry Russell (School of Earth & Ocean Sciences), Susan Gnucci (Dept. of Physics & Astronomy), Fiona Puszka (Personal Safety Coor, CSEC)

Co-Chairs  Management: John Hall  Worker: Oliver Krupke

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Agenda

   The agenda was approved as circulated with the amendment that D. Rysstad would address the New Business item on hazardous waste disposal.


   The minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Business Arising

   - J. Hall reported that Active Threat presentation is scheduled for April 29th in ELL 161, and the Floor Emergency Coordinator training session has been scheduled for April 30th in ELL 062. Hall will email Safety Coordinators to pass this along within their units.
D. Rysstad (OHSE) reported that he had been working on a waste diversion project for non-toxic, non environmental hazardous aqueous waste. The goal is to identify non-hazardous/non-toxic waste that is currently being collected and shipped to Vancouver for disposal, that could be safely disposed of down the drain. This would reduce our carbon footprint and bring us in line with other universities’ programs.

This program would mainly apply to MSB, CUN and PCH users. A pilot project has had 3 labs collect materials for testing to determine if drain disposal is appropriate. The next step will be to look at wastes from departments and seek feedback on application and how to roll-out the program. Suggestions included using larger lab specific signs reminding lab members what can go down the drain in their lab. Each lab will need to know what can go down the sink and determine what they use that qualifies. Another suggestion was to provide department specific training, perhaps as part of other training initiatives, or a combination with other hazardous waste disposal programs to remind users of current/ongoing expectations and procedures as well as changes.

T. Hasanen asked if there were any training requests - any other needs that OHSE could address or any resources the committee needs. N. Honkanen asked if laser training was being scheduled. Hasanen indicated it would be once C. Franz returns later this spring.

D. Rysstad (OHSE) reported on hazardous waste disposal protocol changes to try to reduce 'stinky Thursday' waste disposal. Most waste from ELL, SCI, CUN and DMS was routed through PCH for disposal on Thursdays, resulting in unpleasant odors in the PCH hallways. AOs were asked to pass along to their labs a reminder to make sure contains were surface clean and had lids closed for disposal on Thursdays. Waste from CHEM now goes to BWC loading dock (not through PCH). This has greatly reduced odors in PCH. The waste disposal contractors are fine with using the BWC loading dock. Some concern was raised at leaving unattended carts with chemical containers on BWC loading dock. This is still being examined. Another concern was that the main smell was coming from the solvent containers which had caps that did not seal properly because some gaskets had fallen out. The gaskets appear to fall out frequently so ongoing monitoring and replacement should help address this.
5. Workplace Inspections Review

- Report on any recent activities. No activity was reported by units, though many Safety Coordinators were absent. T. Hasanen has completed almost all OHSE 2013 inspections, and he summarized that use of fumehoods is still an issue for messy users, that containers in case of overflow in fumehoods are needed in some cases. Required safety equipment should be located close to the area where it is likely to be used, such as having eyeglasses close to the door if they are required for entry. J. Hall asked Hasanen to contact unit AOs to let them know when OHSE will conduct their 2014 inspections.

6. Accident/Incident, Near-Miss or Hazard Report Reviews

- DMS 28 Feb 2014 incident. T. Hasanen went over the incident for the committee. The committee had no concerns with the report.

7. Next Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday April 22nd at 1 PM in Petch 206.