Science and Medicine Safety Committee
Joint Local Safety Committee

Record of Meeting

Location: Petch 206  Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2015  Time: 1:00 p.m.

Attendees:
• Susan Gnucci (Physics and Astronomy)
• Erin King, Management co-chair (Faculty of Science)
• Evelyn Wiebe (Division of Medical Sciences)
• Margaret Blake (Biochemistry and Microbiology)
• Terry Russell (Earth and Ocean Sciences)
• Janice Gough (Biology)
• Brad Binges (Biology, Greenhouse)
• Peter Wan (Chemistry)
• Mike Pfleger (Physics and Astronomy)
• Allison Maffey (Biochemistry & Microbiology)
• Paul Birney (Physics & Astronomy)
• Melinda Powell (Biochemistry and Microbiology)
• Troy Hasanen (Occupational Health, Safety, and Environment)
• Fiona Puszka (Campus Security)

Absent:
• Rosemary Pulez (Chemistry)
• Oliver Krupke, Worker co-chair (Biology)
• Kurt McBurney (Division of Medical Sciences)

Minutes

1. Approval of agenda
   The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of minutes
   The minutes of the meeting held May 26, 2015 were approved as circulated.

3. Business arising
   None

4. New Business
   a) Workplace Inspections and Fire Drills
      No inspections or fire drills were reported. OHSE reminded the committee that most Science/Medicine buildings, with the exception of Cunningham, are due for their inspections and fire drills.

   b) Review of Incident/Accident/Hazard Reports
      • BIO June 2, 2015

      • CHEM/FMIA May 25, 2015
      OHSE is looking into how to get a PI involved sooner when there are concerns of improperly stored or incorrectly disposed of chemicals. OHSE also has funding to put updated hazard signs up on lab doors.
Overall, all present agreed that the reports are accurate and complete.

c) Tripping hazard in breezeway between Elliott & Bob Wright
Susan Gnucci described how the flooring has buckled in the breezeway between Elliott and the Bob Wright Centre. Facilities Management knows about the issue and is looking into having this fixed. In the meantime, they have placed hazard signs and traffic cones in the area.

d) Joint Health & Safety Committee Training – September 23
Erin King informed the committee about upcoming Joint Health & Safety Committee training provided by OHSE and the BC Employers’ Advisers Office. The training is designed for members of Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committees with an emphasis on a Joint Committee’s duties and responsibilities. Training takes place Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 8:30 am – noon. Register by email to gavin@uvic.ca.

5. Next meeting
The next meeting will take place on July 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.