



**Present:** Arielle Garrett (Co-Chair coverage), S. Johnson, P. Lagaditis, D. Mai, M. Shakourisalim, L. Stefanova, E. Nobbs (Recorder)

**Regrets:** A. Tura (Employer Co-Chair), J. Verhelst (Employee Co-Chair), E. Robinson, C. Papadopoulos, R. Ulk, S. Roberts, R. Fichtner, D. Jackson, R. Katz, C. Lawrence, A. Rowe

## 1. Approval of Agenda

Approved.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Approved.

## 3. Business Arising

### 3.1 Membership Training

There was a discussion regarding where to access membership training.

<https://www.uvic.ca/ohse/safety-committees/joint-local-safety-committees/index.php#ipn-training>

**ACTION:** All members to complete training within 6 months of joining.

### 3.2 Bioprinting

The Bioprinting project is being continued in a Biology Lab to align with biosafety standards.

**ACTION:** The bioprinting project will no longer occur in an Engineering lab.

### 3.3 Capstone Project

The capstone project has been moved. To ensure safety regulations are met, sand will be mixed, not metals.

**ACTION:** The capstone project to occur in the Makerspace.

## 4. OHSE Updates

### 4.1 Hazwaste

Paraskevi Lagaditis provided the OHSE updates. There is a pattern of hazwaste being missed by contractors.

**ACTION:** Departments to ensure someone is present for hazwaste pick-ups/drop offs or the contractor can access the space.

### 4.2 Health and Safety Training



The University Safety Committee topic of the month was Health and Safety training. A discussion occurred regarding health and safety training offered by the university for employees.

**ACTION:** Lab Coordinators to ensure TAs are lab safety trained.

#### **4.3 Lab Inspections**

Paraskevi Lagaditis provided the statistics from the 283 lab inspections completed by OHSE in 2025. The five most noted deficiencies in the OHSE lab & shop inspections include, outdated lab door hazard signage, no lab self-inspection, no work alone plan, chemical inventory not available or updated, and chemicals and hazardous materials not stored in appropriate cabinets/containers.

### **5. Accident/Incident, Near-Miss or Hazard Report Review**

#### **5.1. Working Alone**

An incident occurred in a lab setting with an individual working alone that required Campus Security. There was no pre-existing work alone plan, however they have now created one.

**ACTION:** All work settings to create a work alone plan.

#### **5.2. Staircase Incident**

During an event in the Elliot building, an incident occurred where a young child fell through the staircase railings. A wooden panel has been placed to cover the gap temporarily.

**ACTION:** Risk Management to investigate and address this incident.

#### **5.3. Ceiling Tile Incident**

An incident was discussed by Arielle Garrett that occurred in the Ian Stewart Complex, ISC 370, involving a ceiling tile that fell. The incident was reported internally to the Civil department.

**ACTION:** All incidents to be reported to OHSE.

### **6. Other Business**

#### **6.1. Annual Fire Drill Registration**

All buildings have now been registered for the annual fire drills.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

