



**Present:** A. Garrett, P. Lagaditis, C. Lawrence, D. Mai, E. Robinson,  
M. Shakourisalim, R. Ulk, J. Verhelst, S. Makosinski (recorder)

**Regrets:** D. Jackson, A. Rowe, L. Stefanova, A. Tura

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Approved, with the addition of a MECH incident.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Approved.

**3. Business Arising**

**3.1 Combustible dust**

MECH has received the Dust Hazard Analysis (DHA) report completed by the consultants and the latest copy of the Safe Operating Procedure.

**3.2 Signs for Tao Lu's lab**

As Tao Lu's lab has not been using the fume hood of concern with hazardous materials for some time, they will be asked to put up signs about its use nearer the date of the next lab inspection.

**3.3 LSC membership**

There was a discussion regarding LSC membership. As per the Terms of Reference co-chair duties, the co-chairs will contact the members who rarely or do not attend meetings if they are still interested in being members and if they can attend the meetings scheduled.

Jacob Verhelst has been nominated to be the committee's Co-Chair.

**Action:** Jacob will confirm his acceptance of the Co-Chair position next meeting.

**4. OHSE Updates**

WorkSafe BC's guidelines for working alone or in isolation is available on the OHSE website: <https://www.uvic.ca/ohse/research-safety/laboratory-safety/index.php#ipn-laboratory-supervisors>.

Committee members are expected to remind PIs of their duties as supervisors and keep check-in/out records (print or electronic) in accordance with UVic's retention time of safety and security.

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

**5.1 Chemical spill**

**BIOL:** A flammable chemical kept in an unstable cabinet spilled on the floor of a lab while being taken out. As it was difficult to identify the chemical, extra precautions were taken to clean up the spill.

Corrective measure: Labs need to have a chemical inventory which not only includes the names of the chemicals, but also where those chemicals are located.

### **5.2 CIVE: Accident with injury, August 26, 2025**

A Co-op student was pouring hydrochloric acid into a container, and although eye protection was worn, a splash of the acid still got into the student's eye.

Corrective measure: Knowing how to do a safe set-up to protect oneself during lab work and having the correct pouring techniques are recommended when working with chemicals.

### **5.3 MECH: Moving an oversized cabinet**

A student tried to move an oversized cabinet without anyone's help. Unfortunately, the cabinet was too heavy, and the student's ankle got hurt in the process.

Corrective measure: Ask for help when needed.

## **6. Campus Security Update**

With Campus Security busy reorganizing and hiring new staff and their Personal Safety Manager on leave, CSEC will no longer be attending Safety Committee meetings. However, should there be some priority issues or concerns where Campus Security's attendance is needed, the committee is asked to reach out and make a request.

## **7. Other Business**

Aaron Brice is still with MECH and in the ELW building. He has volunteered to continue conducting building inspections for ELW.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.