JOINT CUPE 951/UNIVERSITY OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Joint CUPE 951/University Occupational Health and Safety Committee meeting held in Sedgewick C139 at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday April 4, 2019.

Present:
Worker Representatives: Employer Representatives: Committee Resources:
Christine Currie * Lynn Meyers Gavin St. Michael
Alex Adrock Allison Eddy
Kara White Chris Smith *Chair of meeting
Pat Shade

Regrets: none

1 Welcome

2 Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

2.1 The minutes of the March 7, 2019 meeting were approved.
2.2 Adding to the agenda: changes to CUPE 951 membership, Day of Mourning and allergy signs.

3 Business Arising

3.1 Local Safety Committees – Gavin advised there was nothing to report. Kara asked if the co-Chair list is updated on the OHSE website. Gavin indicated it is kept up to date.

3.2 Campus Security Update – Allison noted that the PSC’s are very busy with student support this time of year. She reviewed the CSEC annual report and highlighted some interesting facts from their response statistics.

3.3 University Safety Committee Update – Kara advised that the new USC worker co-Chair selected was Ori Granot from the PEA. She also noted that an annual review of the respiratory protection program was presented by Graham Rhodes from OHSE and the USC 2018 joint committee evaluation was discussed. There was discussion of the February slips and falls on campus and future use of the TEF building for Health Services and Counselling. The Emergency Planner promoted emergency preparedness week (May 5-11) and discussed a fire alarm audibility issue in BWC.

4 Incident Reports – Gavin advised there were two health-care only incident reports for March. An Animal Care worker had back pain while loading the autoclave and a Printing and Duplicating worker had back pain while using a paper cutter.

5 New Business

5.1 The Library common-area inspection is to be reviewed again in September.
5.2 The Committee agreed to have the CSEC/PSC “Difficult Meetings” presentation at the end of the June 6th meeting. Gavin will arrange for the room booking and calendar invitation to be updated for a 1 hour meeting.

5.3 Kara advised that Sara Kissinger has stepped down from the Committee and Alex’s term is at an end but he plans to stay until a replacement is found. She is looking for another 951 member as well as an alternate.

5.4 Kara highlighted the “Day of Mourning” on April 28th that brings awareness of BC workers killed or injured in workplace incidents. She noted that an event will be held at Camosun College (Lansdowne) at 10:30 am.

5.5 Pat described a situation in a UVic building where a worker has a life-threatening nut allergy. There are several signs, departmental epi-pens, staff epi-pen training and dedicated nut-free areas in the work unit. Gavin asked if there have been any plans for signage in other languages. Pat indicated that the worker is not in an area accessible to students.

6 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:30 pm on Thursday May 2, 2019 in Sedgewick B125.