

**JOINT CUPE 951/UNIVERSITY
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 8, 2022, 11:30 am, via Zoom

Present:

Worker Representatives:

Janice Closson
Nykita Downie
Recording Secretary (*in Amy's
absence*)

Employer Representatives:

Lynn Meyers, Co-Chair
Allison Eddy (*for F. Puszka*)
Chris Smith
Penny Waterman

Ex-Officio:

Jaclyn Davidson, Associate Director, OHSE

Regrets:

Worker Representatives:

Amy Issel, Co-Chair
Heidi Neeves
Colin Newell

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved as circulated

2.2. Approval of Minutes - October 2022 meeting (*Note: Nov/2022 meeting was cancelled*)

- The minutes were approved as circulated

3. Business Arising

3.1. COVID-19 update

Jaclyn reported the following:

- Things have been very quiet on COVID, but flu season is up right now;
- Reminder that UVic's [Communicable Disease Safety Plan](#) is still in effect; [masks](#) are encouraged in indoor public spaces, do a [daily health self-assessment](#), and stay home if sick;

Nykita and Allison provided a reminder that masks and COVID rapid tests are available in the Welcome Centre and Campus Security.

3.2. Local Safety Committee update

Jaclyn reported the following:

- Reminding committees to have common area inspections completed before end of year;
- Annual review for January 2023.



3.3. Personal Safety Coordinator/CSEC update

Allison reported the following:

- Crime prevention tips for the Holiday Closure are displayed on the digicasters around campus;
- Reminder to secure windows and doors before leaving for the day;
- Spike in bike thefts
- Various training continues to be offered with personal safety training by request, including requests for Active Threat training in the academic units.

3.4. University Safety Committee update

Nykita reported the following from the **October 2022** USC meeting:

- COVID Bivalent booster is now available at pharmacies
- A campus health & safety update will be sent out later this term to all staff and students
- Rob noted the PHO is no longer monitoring case counts but rather is observing medical surveillance such as wastewater testing
- COVID cases are steady but not increasing dramatically at this time
- Andy reviewed the online WHMIS training provided by OHSE with classroom training offered upon request
- Since the training moved to Brightspace in April 2021, individuals will now receive an auto-email from Learning Central when their certificate has expired (therefore, expiries start in 2024)
- The UVic Alert system was tested last week during the Great BC Shake-Out with ~39K emails sent (within 15-20 minutes), 28K texts (within a few minutes), and 5000 messages (instant) sent via the UVic SafetyApp

Nykita reported the following from the **November 2022** USC meeting:

- BC CDC has advised that people who have COVID-19 are no longer required to self-isolate for a defined period of time
- Rapid antigen at-home test kits continue to be available for pick-up at the following 4 locations on campus: UVic Bookstore, Campus Security, JCC Welcome Centre, and the Student Wellness Centre
- Darryl gave an overview of high angle work, confined spaces, work with hazardous materials and underground work at the university
- There are 7 emergency teams at the university which include the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), Site Response Team, Executive Policy Group, UC&M Emergency Communications, FMGT Operations Centre, Emergency Call Centre and Rapid Damage Assessment Team
- Tom reviewed some events of the weekend that included 400 to 1200 people on campus, depending on the night
- Property damage occurred in Wilson and Wallace housing and fireworks were set-off but there were less cases of intoxication, fighting, and hospitalizations
- A sexual assault occurred over the weekend and the campus community was alerted
- Fiona reported there were 4 bike thefts at student housing over a long weekend in November



4. Incident Reports

4.1. Monthly CUPE 951 WorkSafeBC accidents/incidents for

- October 2022 – None
- November 2022 – None

5. New Business

None

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

Next meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 11:30 am, via Zoom



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