

JOINT CUPE 951/UNIVERSITY OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 13, 2022, 11:30am, via Zoom

Present:

Worker Representatives:

Amy Issel, Co-Chair, Recording Secretary
Nykita Downie, Alternate
Colin Newell

Employer Representatives:

Lynn Meyers, Co-Chair
Fiona Puszka
Chris Smith
Penny Waterman

Ex-Officio:

Jaclyn Davidson, Associate Director, OHSE

Regrets:

Worker Representatives:

Janice Closson
Heidi Neeves

Employer Representatives:

Ex-Officio:

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

2.1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated

2.2. Approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting

The minutes were approved as circulated

3. Business Arising

3.1. COVID-19 update

Jaclyn reported the following:

- Things have been very quiet, very little has been heard from others on campus.
- [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.
- The [Post-Secondary Public Health Guidance](#) from the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) were updated September 2, 2022. The updates were for residence, there is no impact to general campus procedures.
- The University enquired about offering a vaccination booster clinic on campus; however this is not something that Public Health has the resources for. Boosters are being done at local Pharmacies.

The committee discussed leaving COVID-19 update as an agenda item, and the consensus was to leave it for the remainder of the term and discuss again in January 2023.

3.2. Local Safety Committee update

Jaclyn reported the following:

- Committees are still consistently meeting once a month.
- Still reminding committees that there was a slight change to the inspection form.
- Reminding committees to complete the common area inspections by the end of year, making sure that all routine inspections are happening again since the disruption of COVID-19. Lab inspections are on a different inspection schedule.

3.3. Personal Safety Coordinator/CSEC update

Fiona reported the following:

- The [Great British Columbia ShakeOut](#) will take place on October 20 at 10:20am; there will be no face to face events, but reminding people to participate when convenient
- Training sessions for fall and winter are posted to [Learning Central](#) have a look and register
- October is Pedestrian Awareness month. It is getting darker earlier, watch for pedestrians and wear something reflective. Saanich Police and ICBC may be on campus handing out reflectors.
- A reminder to make sure buildings are secured properly when leaving; doors, windows, etc.
- Fire drill are still being done; about half way through the buildings.
- Stressing the importance about calling Campus Security for support, suspicious activity, etc. dispatch will be quickest way to get response.

3.4. University Safety Committee update

Nykita reported the following from the September 2022 USC meeting:

- Masks are available in the Welcome Centre if needed
- Waste water still has steady amount of COVID, about 1%
- Federal vaccination requirements are ending
- 18 students in one class reported that they had COVID
- There are mask recycling bins in Jamie Cassels Centre, Student Union Building & BEC
- There was an update to the WorkSafeBC legislation, [section 3.12](#) on the [right to refuse unsafe work](#)
- There is a Working Alone or in isolation document; there is training and protocols to follow
- There is a new [tsunami hazard map](#) available
- The [Great BC Shake Out](#) will take place on October 20, 2022 at 10:20 am
- Rapid test kits continue to be available at the Bookstore and Campus Security.

4. Incident Reports

4.1. Monthly CUPE 951 WorkSafeBC accidents/incidents for September 2022 (two)

Jaelyn reported the following:

- The first incident was with an Educator in Childcare who tripped over a tire being rolled down a hill. The corrective action was to remove the larger tires being rolled down the hill and to only have one or two children rolling the tire down the hill at a time
- The second incident investigation is scheduled for October 14, 2022.

ACTION: The committee will discuss any corrective action at the November 10, 2022 meeting.

5. New Business

None

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 11:48am

Next meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 11:30am, via Zoom