Minutes of the Joint CUPE 951/University Occupational Health and Safety Committee meeting held in Sedgewick C168 at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday July 11, 2019.

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

Regrets: Pat Shade

1 Welcome

2 Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

2.1 The minutes of the June 6, 2019 meeting were approved.

3 Business Arising

3.1 Local Safety Committees – Gavin advised that he was reminding Joint LSC’s of the annual common-area inspections since summer is a good time for these in some departments.

3.2 University Safety Committee Update – Kara reported that the ergonomics annual consultation was postponed to August and that new fire bells are being installed in BWC. She also summarized the update received at USC regarding the BWC gas leak. It was reported that a stuck switch on the boiler caused the leak. FMGT is checking other boilers to see if the switch is similar on those. The confined space consultation was also discussed. She added that Rob Johns, the Emergency Planner, is investigating a new UVic app for emergency alerts that will have more features.

3.3 Campus Security Update – Allison advised that there have been three break and enters on campus in the last couple of weeks. Key control security is being reviewed. An audit of key control was last done in 2013-14 and 2016. Allison reminds the committee that keys should always be secure and not left out. She also noted that a bicycle secured with a U-lock was reported stolen but it had apparently been last seen 6 months ago. Allison highlighted that simply e-mailing the PSC does not constitute a “report to Campus Security” – people should call 7599 to report an issue. Three speed reader locations have been identified on Ring Road near CST, HSD, and Parking Lot 1 (near ENGN). Data will be logged and statistics gathered. CSEC and the Response Coordination Team (RCT); comprised of Counselling, Health Services, Office of Student Life, and EQHR, have been receiving training sessions on “self-directed violence”. Details will be available soon in a summary from the PSC. The training sessions for BECs/FECs, fire extinguisher, and active threat have been set for the fall and
enrollment will be available through Learning Central. The PSCs have also been leading training sessions on “indicators of future violence” for various staff groups.

4 Incident Reports – Gavin advised there were two health care-only incidents. One involved a secretary that experienced finger pain from robe pinning at convocation. The other incident involved a machinist that bumped his left arm on a metal recycling bin resulting in a cut.

5 New Business - Pat had added “uneven pavement warning paint” to the agenda; it will be deferred to the next meeting.

6 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:30 pm on Thursday August 1, 2019 in Sedgewick B125.