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 B125 at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday June 6, 2019.

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

 regrets: Christine Currie

1 Welcome to Kate Brooks from CUPE 951, a new member of the Committee.

Allison presented the “Reporting Criteria for Concerning Behaviour” handout from Campus Security and took questions from the Committee.

2 Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

2.1 The minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting were approved. It was noted that quorum was not met at the May meeting.

3 Business Arising

3.1 Local Safety Committees – Gavin noted the committees are continuing to meet monthly. Kara asked if there were enough committee members. Gavin indicated that there were enough members on the committees.

3.2 Campus Security Update – Allison noted that a few bicycle theft reports have been received, typically for bikes unlocked or locked with a cable lock. She also reported that student issues decreased in May but employee issues increased. The PSC and members of the Response Coordination Team are taking training in July for “self-directed violence”, the new term for self-harm/suicide. She also noted that new dates for their various training offerings are available on the Emergency Planning website. Allison advised that the new Residence project is ahead of the original completion date due to demolition plan changes. Finally, she reported on the traffic speed reader currently located near Continuing Studies. It will periodically be rotated to two other locations on campus to collect data in order to determine enforcement priorities.

3.3 University Safety Committee Update – Kara outlined the Due Diligence report delivered at USC. It highlights how UVic complies with federal and provincial regulations with respect to various safety programs such as WHMIS, TDG, nuclear safety and laser safety among others. She also noted that UVic fire alarms no longer ring directly to the fire department, only to CSEC.
4 Incident Reports – Gavin advised there was one time-loss incident report for April and two health-care only reports for May. In April, a childcare worker was hit by a falling paper towel dispenser. In May, a secretary stepped on a pine cone resulting in a fall and a clerical staff member in CSEC experienced repetitive strain in left wrist. All three incident investigations were completed.

5 New Business

5.1 Welcome to Kate Brooks as a new committee member. Joint Committee training was discussed and Gavin will send the CourseSpaces materials to Kate.

6 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:30 pm on Thursday July 4, 2019 in Sedgewick C168.