Minutes of the meeting held Thursday, September 10, 2020, 3:00 pm, via Zoom

Present:

Worker Representatives: Employer Representatives: Committee Resources:
Pat Shade * Lynn Meyers Gavin St. Michael
Kate Brooks Chris Smith
Christine Currie Fiona Puszka

* Chair of Meeting

Regrets:
Kara White
Amy Issel – Alternate

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

2.1 The agenda was approved (no additions)
2.2 The minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting were approved.

3. Business Arising

3.1 COVID-19 update, hand sanitizer foot dispensers

Gavin reported that there have been a lot of complainants about the odor and viscosity, so they are in the process of changing them all out with odorless sanitizers that have improved viscosity. Pat commented that the dispensers in Campus Security have been changed out for Campus Security, realizing this is a work in progress, and he noted that the Wellness Centre dispenser has been changed as well.

3.2 Local Safety Committee Update

Gavin provided the following update:
- 500 Safe Work Plans have been done so far, including for research labs, face to face teaching classrooms, specialized units, libraries, and student spaces like the Biblio Café. This work doesn’t appear to be slowing down and OHSE is still getting requests.
- All face-to-face have been approved for classes and labs.
• The University is encouraging a slow resumption.
• We might have around 3,500 students on campus this term from the total 22,000 we would normally have at this time, and a large number of those are grad students.
• There are about 800 students in Residence and they moved in last Sunday.
• We will be encouraging mask use in common inside areas.

3.3 University Safety Committee Update

Pat submitted:

1. Foot pump hand sanitizers in Campus Security lobby, allergic reactions to fragrance of sanitizer and reports of burning sensation with a reddening of the hands that needed immediate washing.
2. Facilities Management has been advised and sourcing new unscented sanitizer.
3. 31 buildings have been completed with common area occupancy signage. Still a few left.
4. Almost all Safe Work Plans are in place for the return to regular Campus life.
5. New “Ambassador” program to instruct Faculty, Staff and students to safe practices and procedures.
6. Redeploy laid off personnel to fill new ambassador positions, use CSEC for training.
7. Approximately 3500 students back on Campus with 800 in residence with a gradual increase in students throughout the year.
8. First day of classes is September 10th.
9. Large group restrictions have been lifted for post secondary institutions.
10. Class rooms have been booked and will be stocked with wipes and sanitizers.
11. Large rooms booked to ensure social distancing in all classrooms.
12. Enhanced cleaning procedures for all booked classrooms.

3.4 Personal Safety Coordinator/CSEC update

Fiona provided the following update:

• Usual orientation events are virtual this year, with very few info tables.
• Fiona was part of Moving In day – about 650 of the 800 students in Residence are first year students, which is more than was thought.
• Fire Drills – working on making them being virtual.
• COVID Poster Project is done – took most of July and August to complete. All common areas are posted up. LSC are all still meeting on line, and both PSCs are able to go most.
• Trying to attend most orientation stuff and all a-go this week.

Pat commented that apparently the new students in Residence are figuring out how to party as reported by Campus Security (beer cans laying about around the buildings).
4. Incident Reports

4.1 Monthly CUPE 951 WorkSafeBC accidents/incidents – two for August

Gavin reported on 2 accidents:
• CYC with someone stepping backwards – health care only
• Library Building with an uneven sidewalk – health care only
Both Incident Investigations have been completed.

Pat reported that he did the Incident Investigations with Gavin, and both seemed to be resolved to everyone’s approval, with measures put in place to stop these accidents from happening again. On the sidewalk one, Facilities was sent to check it out. Chris report that they put tar/pavement on that part of the sidewalk to fix the lip. He also noted that the construction fence is down so now there is room to walk through with normal width.

5. New Business

5.1 No new business

6. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 8, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom

PS:
• Pat will be on leave for a month commencing September 16th, and Christine will be away October 8th, so Kate will co-chair in Pat’s absence. Gavin will include Kate for the next USC meeting as well.