

**Science and Medicine Safety Committee - Joint Local Safety
Committee**

Record of Meeting

Location: Zoom (online), Date: January 25, 2022, Time: 1:30 PM

Attendees:

- Rob Rempel (PHYS)
- Ellen Busby (BCMB)
- Kurt McBurney (DMS)
- Mike Pflieger (PHYS)
- Igor Chetyrin (SCIE)
- Cathy Stacey (CHEM)
- Susan Gnucci (PHYS) - host
- Kimberley Politano (BCMB)
- Rob Iuvale (SCI Store)

Absentees:

- Fiona Puszka (Campus Security)
- Karina Giesbrecht (SEOS)
- Frank van Veggel (CHEM)
- Sara Ohora (DMS)
- Paraskevi Lagaditis (OHSE)
- Kristi Blyth (SEOS)
- Brad Binges (BIOL, greenhouse)
- Janice Gough (BIOL)
- Troy Hasanen (OHSE)

Employer Co-Chair: Igor Chetyrin, **Employee Co-Chair:** Absent **Recorder:** Igor Chetyrin

Agenda items:

1. Approval of the agenda. Agenda was approved as circulated.
2. Approval of the minutes. Minutes of the meeting held on November 23, 2021 were approved as circulated.

Business arising: None

New Business:

3. Campus Security update was provided by email from Fiona:
 - Rob Johns, our Emergency Planner has posted some more training sessions on Learning Central so please take a look.
 - Fiona is back working in the office like many of you- all my safety meetings are on zoom, going well.
 - As OHSE says, keep looking on the UVic webpage and OHSE site for latest Covid19 information.

4. OHSE update provided by Troy H.:

- UPDATE: Here's updated communications about [masking](#) in classrooms, including to reflect that students can remove masks while they are actively eating or drinking. OHSE reminding that actively eating or drinking means to remove masks while actively consuming food or drink (except in classrooms, study spaces, labs, libraries and other in-person learning environments - note: consuming a beverage is permitted for a person who is delivering a presentation, lecture, or performing, and while maintaining 2m of physical distance from others)
- Face to face meetings are allowed by following current rules and guidance (hybrid meetings are welcome too).
- Web link to Common Areas Inspection Checklist is:
https://www.uvic.ca/ohse/assets/docs/LSCs/commonareas_2021.pdf

5. Review of Departmental incident and hazard reports provided by Troy H., CHEM AO and Stores supervisor:

New reports:

- *BIOL - Nov 3 & 4 2021, accident with injury: rash on hands while wearing gloves during undergraduate lab.*
- *CHEM – Nov 22 2021, hazard/safety concern: ELL 3rd floor fume hoods not operating.*
- *January 18, 2022 CSEC File 2022-23680 - Safety Hazard: Petch loading bay after janitorial reports items found on loading dock and located the single cylinder, secured by a dolly unattended. The gas was labeled "carbon dioxide" with white chalk marked "MT" on the front of the cylinder. A notice on the cage door specified "to not leave cylinders on the dock after 4:30pm in any instance" as per the Sciences Stores. Reported by Keith Cascon - Manager, Security*

6. Other business:

- Comments from Rob Iuvale (SCI Store) Stores' Common Areas Inspection was done in December.
- Comments from Igor Chetyrin (SCIE), Staff and students were evacuated from BWC on January 24. Reason - smoke alarm activated.

7. Next meeting will be February 22, 2022 at 1:30 pm via Zoom online.