

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

Record of Meeting

Location: Zoom (online), Date: November 23, 2021, 2021, Time: 1:30 PM

Attendees:

- Rob Rempel (PHYS)
- Sara Ohora (DMS)
- Ellen Busby (BCMB)
- Igor Chetyrin (SCIE)
- Frank van Veggel (CHEM)
- Janice Gough (BIOL)
- Cathy Stacey (CHEM)
- Kristi Blyth (SEOS)
- Brad Binges (BIOL, greenhouse)
- Paraskevi Lagaditis (OHSE)
- Susan Gnucci (PHYS) - host
- Kimberley Politano (BCMB)
- Rob Iuvale (SCI Store)

Absentees:

- Fiona Puszka (Campus Security)
- Karina Giesbrecht (SEOS)
- Kurt McBurney (DMS)
- Mike Pflieger (PHYS)
- Troy Hasanen (OHSE)

Employer Co-Chair: Igor Chetyrin, **Employee Co-Chair:** Frank van Veggel, **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 October 26, 2021 were approved as circulated.

Business arising: None

New Business:

3. Campus Security update was provided by email from Fiona:
 - There have been several thefts of backpacks and laptops from the McPh Library in the last 2-3 weeks. Very unfortunate opportunity theft where students are leaving belongings unattended while grabbing a snack or heading to washroom.
 - Campus Security Services stepped up foot patrol, enlisted the help of classroom ambassadors to be extra eyes and completed a big poster blitz in the library reminding folks to be more security conscious.
 - We continue to see transient individuals in and around buildings.
 - If you see anything or anyone suspicious, please report to us ([7599](tel:7599)) immediately!

4. OHSE update provided by Paraskevi:

- UPDATE: When it comes to non educational events please notify OHSE in advance, including award ceremonies and Christmas parties. Rules are in place for inside gatherings, including food consumption, some extra measures that needs to be taken like increased sanitation, etc. Please check with OHSE prior to the event and for any questions.
- 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 Paraskevi (Vivian) and Dept AOs:

New reports:

- *BCMB - Oct 1, 2021: unidentified spill in an autoclave in Petch-254.*
- *BCMB - Nov 10, 2021: falling piece of metal in Petch-153.*
- *CHEM – Oct 13, 2021: finger laceration from applying too much force and breaking glass joint.*
- *BIOL – Oct 25, 2021: chemical spill on lap while seated in undergraduate lab.*

6. Other business:

- Comments from Janice Gough (BIOL) - Common Areas Inspection includes Stairwells.

7. Next meeting will be January 25, 2022 at 1:30 pm via Zoom online.