

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

# Record of Meeting

**Location: Petch 206    Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018    Time: 1:30 PM**

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### Attendees:

- Igor Chetyrin (SCIE)
- Corrina Ewan (CHEM)
- Rosemary Pulez (CHEM)
- Sara Ohora (DMS)
- Kimberley Politano (BCMB)
- Mike Pflieger (PHYS)
- Sam de Jong (PHYS)
- Susan Gnucci (PHYS)
- Charmaine Wetherell (BCMB)
- Brad Binges (BIOL, greenhouse)
- Troy Hasanen (Occupational Health, Safety & Environment)
- Fiona Puszka (Campus Security)

### Absent:

- Frank van Veggel (CHEM)
- Janice Gough (BIOL)
- Terry Russell (SEOS)
- Jody Spence (SEOS)
- Allison Eddy (Campus Security)
- Kurt McBurney (Division of Medical Sciences)

**Employer Co-Chair:** Igor Chetyrin, **Employee Co-Chair:** Corrina Ewan, **Recorder:** Valeria Bazan

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### Agenda items:

1. Approval of the agenda. Agenda approved with the addition of 6 incident reports.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2018. Minutes approved with amendment in the second page clarifying that the inspection was conducted in the Medical Science Building.
3. New Business:
  - Campus Security update by Fiona Puszka:
    - Information about training sessions is posted on [CSEC website](#).
    - Campus Security Annual Report 2017 will be available online shortly, and will be distributed in the March committee meeting.
    - Bike thefts. Bikes left without a lock or with cable locks were stolen. Reminder to always lock bikes in a well-lit area.
    - The renovation and seismic upgrading of the CSEC Building will be finished soon.
  - OHSE update by Troy Hasanen:
    - The posting to fill the consultant vacancy closed yesterday an OHSE is hoping to have a successful competition;
    - The committee reviewed the LSC evaluation. Questions arose around the “LSC training” (online based seminar), and it was clarified that all new members to LSC are required by WorkSafeBC (WSBC) to complete the course within six months of joining the LSC. This is a new requirement for members that joined the committee after April 2017. The webinar is available here: <https://www.uvic.ca/ohse/training/lsc-training/index.php>

- About “optional training”, it was informed that UVic LSC members are entitled to an annual educational leave totaling 8-hours for the purposes of attending approved occupational health and safety training in accordance with WSBC, and this educational leave is transferrable among members of the committee.
- Workplace inspections review – report on recent activities - None
- Department incident and hazard reports:
  - Incident in Petch 055 on January 22, reported by the **Biology** department. Student was preparing some work in the biosafety cabinet and, while spraying some 70% ethanol accidentally splashed some in her eye. Glasses were worn, but safety glasses or side shields are recommended. Work procedures will be amended to add in spraying gloves inside cabinet and keeping spray bottle further away from gloves.
  - Incident at CFBR on February 6. A staff member tripped over a new light fixture that was sitting on the sidewalk waiting to be installed. Recommendation to Facilities Management to use proper signalization. Fiona Puszka recommended reporting these type of incidents to Campus Security.
  - Incident in Petch 229 on February 27, reported by the **Biochemistry** department. An employee cut thumb while moving shelves in freezer. Recommendation to have Band-Aids and wear gloves when possible.
  - Incident in Petch 270 on January 9, reported by the **Biochemistry** department. Research Associate reported to the department chair that a vial containing 5 grams of mercury oxide went missing from his desk sometime between 7 pm and 8 am. A general reminder was sent to the department regarding locking up labs after hours. BCMB’s Chair contacted David Hill, Project Manager for building renovations, who reiterated the importance of building security to all the construction companies involved.
  - Incident in Elliot 227 on February 5, reported by the **Chemistry** department. Chiller system had no pressure release resulting in several condenser hose failures, flooding the floor of the second floor Elliot 227 laboratory. Students helped shut off taps. The next day a repeat of the flood to a lesser extend occurred. It was discovered that during the renovations a valve was improperly re-installed that allowed to relieve the pressure at the chiller unit. Once it was replaced the system began to function normally. Facilities mechanical shop solved the pressure issue, and returned on February 7 to check that it was still working properly.
  - Incident in BWC 213A on January 17, reported by the **Chemistry** department. Student was splashed with PVA in face (wearing goggles and lab coat) while inserting the solution using a tubing with a connector. The tubing fell off the connector and the PVA solution squirted in the student’s face. The connector was too big for the tubing interior diameter and hence did not provide a safe seal for the tubing. The laboratory processes have been changed so that the tubing is heated prior to insertion of the connector so that it forms a strong seal.
- 4. Other business:
  - Corrina Ewan expressed her concerns about the need of signage at the Petch-170 “Liquid Nitrogen” room, which says: “Do not block access”. Igor Chetyrin will place the FMIS request.
  - Issues with fume hoods are partially addressed – Troy will provide an update later.
  - Sam de Jong will replace Paul Birney (both from PHYS) and will serve on the committee for the next 2 years.
- 5. Next meeting will be on March 27, 2018 at 1:30pm in Ell 164.