

Science and Medicine Safety Committee - Joint Local Safety Committee

Record of Meeting

Location: Petch 206 Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019, Time: 1:30 PM

Attendees:

- Igor Chetyrin (SCIE)
- Frank van Veggel (CHEM)
- Kimberley Politano (BCMB)
- Sam de Jong (PHYS)
- Rob Iuvalle (SCI Store)
- Rosemary Pulez (CHEM)
- Sara Ohora (DMS)
- Ellen Busby (BCMB)
- Susan Gnucci (PHYS)
- Brad Binges (BIOL, greenhouse)
- Karina Giesbrecht (SEOS)

Absentees:

- Fiona Puszka (Campus Security)
- Janice Gough (BIOL)
- Troy Hasanen (OHSE)
- Mike Pflieger (PHYS)
- Kurt McBurney (DMS)

Employer Co-Chair: Igor Chetyrin, **Employee Co-Chair:** Frank van Veggel, **Recorder:** Igor Chetyrin

Agenda items:

1. Approval of the agenda. Agenda approved.
2. Approval of the minutes. Minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2019 approved.
 - New Business as follows:
3. Campus Security update: Appendix A (Emailed update):
 - The great BC ShakeOut was on the 18th, Rob Johns had a display in the U Centre.
 - The speed reader on campus will be moved from its third location near Lot 1 back to the location near Continuing Studies in the coming weeks, so far the data from the third location is similar to what has been shown previously- most vehicles traveling within the speed limit.
 - There continues to be an unusually high number of homeless/transient people on campus this month, please call CSEC if you notice anything or anyone of concern.
 - Theft reports are moderate right now, no increase or trends to pass on.
 - We will be doing a key control audit in the coming months, please examine your processes and make sure you are securing keys as well as possible.
 - The new safety app is being well received and we encourage all community members to download it onto their phones.
4. OHSE update: No update, Troy Hasanen was absent.
5. Workplace inspections review – report on any recent activities: One reported by Brad Binges, at BIOL Greenhouse was completed on July 23rd, 2019.

6. Review of Departmental incident and hazard reports was done by Sara Ohora and Ellen Busby:

➤ *Outstanding (from last meeting):*

- DMS MSB 336 near miss incident (shards of glass tore through gloves, but didn't break skin) Sep 18, 2019. Broken glass should be cleaned up properly especially in a shared work space and everyone using the space should be informed.

➤ *New reports - under investigation (Follow up needed):*

- BCMB Petch-141 incident (Thumb cut with broken tube) Oct 3, 2019. A student was removing her labeling from a test tube, which broke in her hand.
- BCMB Petch-148 incident (Wrist cut with broken beaker glass) Oct 7, 2019. A staff member was taking pipette tip discard beaker out of one of the biological safety cabinets with left hand and smashed the beaker against inside the safety sash. The bottom half of the broken beaker cut into the left wrist and left a long cut.

7. Other business: None

8. Next meeting will be on November 26, 2019 at 1:30pm in Petch 206