Science and Medicine Safety Committee - Joint Local Safety Committee

### **Record of Meeting**

**Location: Zoom** (online), **Date: Nov 28, 2023, Time: 1:30 PM**

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**Attendees:**

* Igor Chetyrin (SCIE)
* CJ Smith (SEOS)
* Chen Liu (DMS)
* Troy Hasanen (OHSE)
* David Leitch (CHEM)
* Cathy Stacey (CHEM)
* Kimberley Politano (BCMB)
* Rob Rempel (PHYS)
* Janice Gough (BIOL)
* Rob Iuvale (SCI Store)
* Monica Lee-Bonar (PHYS)

**Absentees:**

* Kurt McBurney (DMS)
* Fiona Puszka (Campus Security)
* Erika Wall (BCMB)
* Brad Binges (BIOL, greenhouse)

**Employer Co-Chair:** Igor Chetyrin, **Employee Co-Chair:** David Leitch  **Recorder:** David Leitch

**Agenda items:**

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes. Minutes from 24 Oct 2023 meeting approved as is.

New Business: *none*.

Business arising: *none.*

1. Campus Security update, Fiona, via email:

* Keith Bell is Campus Security’s new Associate Director. We are also undergoing a hiring process for another security officer.
* Another reminder about the importance of securing your workspace at the end of the day. Some windows and doors are still being found open/ unlocked.
* A reminder to be safe and be seen during these dark Fall/ Winter days. Campus Security has been given a stack of reflectors from ICBC- so please stop by our front counter during office hours if you’d like one.
* Keep checking learning central for the schedule of upcoming training sessions.

1. OHSE update provided by Troy Hasanen:

* Communicable disease plan approved.
* Research safety committee meetings held recently.
* Last inspections scheduled to be completed.

1. Common Areas Inspections: None to report.
2. Review of Departmental incident and hazard reports.

**Outstanding reports**:

* None*.*

**New reports**:

* SEOS, BWC B 4th floor; oxygen depletion alarm in B419; campus security and lab manager contacted. Determined to be ‘false alarm’ (O2 levels were normal). Troy: alarms are serviced twice a year. *Resolved.*
* BCMB: allergic reaction on hands after physical contact; individual sought medical attention at ER; allergic reaction suspected to be result of penicillin contact; follow-up actions to review SOPs, affected individual to get epipen; corrective actions ongoing.  
  Still to be reviewed with ENGR safety committee, but *resolved* with SCIMED
* CAMTEC, ELL040: sulfur-based odor reported; suspect material caught in water trap in a seldom-used sink. *Resolved.*
* DMS, occurred at Jubilee Hospital, but UVic employee; accident with injury (concussion) from hitting head on door; delayed medical treatment due to unaware of concussion, but sought medical attention once symptoms apparent; corrective actions ongoing. *Resolved.*
* DMS, animal care; accident with injury (rodent bite); corrective actions ongoing, including use of specialized bite-resistant gloves and signage. *Resolved.*

1. Other business: Igor Chetyrin announced that there will be no meeting in December.
2. Next meeting will be 23 January, 2024, at 1:30pm via Zoom online. **No meeting on 26 Dec 2023.**