

Faculty of Science Safety Committee Meeting

November 8, 2024, ~ 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Dean of Science Boardroom

Attendees:

Dean of Science Office & Meeting Chairperson - Dr. Sam Veres, Dean of Science

Dean of Science Office – Leanne Lucas, Science Safety Advisor

Department of Astronomy and Physics – Dr. Greg Christian

Department of Chemistry - Dr. Jason Masuda, Jennifer Wright

Animal Facility: Caila Henderson

Department of Biology – Dr. David Chiasson, Dr. Tim Frasier

Department of Geology – Dr. Simone Booker

Human Resources Department – n/a

Facilities Management Department – n/a

Minute taker – April Scheller, Psychology Department

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 10:05pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

Call for Agenda Item Additions

No additions.

Minutes from the September 2024 meeting

Minutes unanimously approved and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Science Building Exterior Ground Cover

P. Farmer was going to discuss with Edmonds on what product they would recommend in place of the mulch around the Science building to prevent anymore fires.

Will defer until next meeting when P. Farmer or D. Gillis are in attendance.

In the previous meeting, it was noted that in the Science basement equipment is being stored in a hallway and it's a fire hazard. L. Lucas is scheduling another waste pickup, and it will include these items. Please let L. Lucas know if you have any other items.

S. Veres added a request to the budget development process for next year that a wall be built to partition off that area so it can be used for disposal storage.

REPORTS

Safety Advisor Report

Summary of Injury/Incident Reports for Faculty of Science

No incidents were Science related. L. Lucas reminded everyone that broken glass/sharp objects should go in regular garbage but placed in a cardboard box and taped up beforehand.

OHS & Wellness Consultant: JOHSC Activity and Information

JOHSC minutes were sent to the committee. In V. Wadman's absence, S. Veres gave an update. The system for delivering the OHS training is being worked out with EIT. We will probably receive an announcement regarding that soon.

An update regarding risk management for international travel and field schools. A. Sarty and M. Arai are working on a project to create a database where people traveling can register. They were planning on using the Helix company, but it may be more efficient to create an in-house database.

Action Item: S. Veres created a database already that may be useful, and he will discuss with A. Sarty if Science can provide any assistance.

Action Item: S. Veres will check with D. Gillis on the replacement chilling system. The equipment should be arriving soon from Germany.

NEW BUSINESS

SWP 6: Safe Work Practices for Mechanical Equipment to Protect Against Chemical Exposure

L. Lucas reviewed the SWP 6. Changes were made to responsibilities and definitions and when to use the form. L. Lucas will make some small edits and put it on the webpage.

OTHER BUSINESS

L. Lucas and V. Wadman met with the Transport Canada inspector. She answered a lot of questions and inspected S519 and the chemical room and there were no infractions. They mostly were concerned about how things are shipped and having the correct forms.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Dr. Sam Veres
Meeting Chairperson, Faculty of Science Safety Committee
Dean of Science