

Faculty of Science

Science Safety and Health Committee Minutes

June 22nd, 2021 online

Attendance September 2020 – June 2021

Y=Present

P=Proxy received

A=Absent

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Area</i> | Oct 1 | Oct 29 | Nov 26 | Dec 17 | Jan 20 | Feb 24 | Mar 17 | Apr 21 | May 18 | Jun 22 | |
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| Sonia Walczak | AHT | A | Y | Y | A | A | Y | A | Y | A | A | |
| Tara Geiger | AHT | Y | A | A | A | A | Y | Y | A | P | Y | |
| Jamie Ushko | Biology tech, JOHSC | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | - | |
| Christine Petersen | Biology | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | |
| Trent Hammer | Chemistry | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | |
| Christina Mohr | Chemistry | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | |
| Nisha Puthiyedth | Computing Science | Y | Y | P | Y | P | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | |
| Yan Yan | Computing Science | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | |
| Catharine Tatarniuk | Engineering | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | |
| Nancy Van Wagoner | Geology | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | P | A | Y | P | |
| Yehia Mahmoud | Math | | | Y | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | |
| Kathy Baethke | Microbiology | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | P | Y | |
| Joanna Urban | Microbiology | A | A | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | Y | A | Y | |
| Sheri Watson | NRS | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | |
| Colin Taylor | Physics | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | |
| Janine Rostron | Respiratory Therapy | P | Y | A | Y | Y | P | Y | Y | Y | A | |
| Christine Miller | UEPrep | Y | A | A | Y | Y | A | Y | Y | A | Y | |
| Resource members | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stephanie Lawrence | | | | | | | | | | Y | Y | |
| Sarah Martin | Health Safety Manager | Y | A | A | Y | P | Y | P | A | Y | P | |
| Timothy Crowe | OSEM | Y | Y | Y | Y | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Tara Langley | Recorder | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | P | Y | |
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1. Meeting called to order: 1106
 2. Motion to adopt agenda by: Christine Miller **Seconded by:** Colin Taylor **Approved.**
 3. Review of Minutes from May 18, 2021: **no changes**
 4. Motion to adopt May 18, 2021 minutes by: Sheri Watson **Seconded by:** Tara Geiger **Approved.**
5. Old Business:
- a) Science Building Inspections and role of SSHC: Stephanie
 - Inspection sheets are being worked on by OSEM- Forms were reviewed. Good questions, suggestions. General building inspection only, clinical/labs were not included this morning.
 - Pages were condensed, duplicates removed- Stephanie showed new document with edits.
 - Prefers to do grounds inspection yearly instead of monthly - Kathy: Science building should be inspected at least biannually due to weather changes.
 - Every department will do their own exterior building inspections, JOHSC will do campus main.

- Kathy- each section was made to be one inspection on it's own, making smaller jobs rather than an entire building at once. Classrooms are their own inspection individually.
- Hallways/classrooms are once a year .
- Labs are yearly unless high risk lab.
- Stephanie: We could do one floor each month vs all the different categories of inspections.
- Christina Mohr: Classrooms are occupied, need a time to do them all at once when they are not occupied.
- Stephanie: A schedule is sent out what is being done each month and who is doing the inspection.
- Colin: All these tasks are too much for faculty to take on, Christina Mohr agrees
- Kathy: This is why we want to split up the jobs into smaller portions with take less time.
- Christine Miller: this committee was not originally supposed to do this work, even if it's in the terms of reference, but historically it wasn't done.
- Trent: historically with Gordon we did a total walk-through every few months and do an inspection without a set checklist so we were doing that work but then it stopped. Regulations need to be followed.
- Stephanie: if WorkSafe came out we would be asked to do this, but OSEM is not supposed to be doing it all. New checklist is on one page now, could do one floor each month.
- Trent: can we use the one checklist but you only fill out what you are responsible for? Committee agrees.
- Stephanie: Can post a pdf to print if people want, or fill out online. Purpose is to have a prompt when doing the inspection. ***ACTION: Stephanie will put copy of the checklist in chat, everyone review, and will do a poll to see thoughts.***
- Christine Petersen: when do we have to start these inspections? Stephanie would like decision hopefully before return to campus in September.
- Trent: Can a few try the checklist out to see? Walk around with list will be June 28/29 for anyone interested.
- Christina Mohr: Greenhouse needs to be on the checklist also even though it's limited access. Christine Petersen will show Stephanie around.
- Tara Geiger: does AHT follow this or do their own inspection? Stephanie: This checklist is meant to be for all of campus inspections but individual departments would have additions to their site specific requirements.

b) Back to Campus Fall 2021 – Sarah and Stephanie:

- **Concerns from Computer Sciences: Yan Yan:** How will computer labs get cleaned up? With keyboards and mouse cleaning and space between students. Joanna Urban did some swab testing for bacteria on computer labs, didn't test for viruses. Science faculty council said we should provide wipes or something for students to clean keyboards between use.
- **Stephanie:** Physical distancing is over in July according to the government regulations, we are following PHO guidelines. She will ask Sarah regarding wipes for computer labs or increased cleaning or if janitors have a plan for increased cleaning.
- **Christina Mohr:** Don't think that janitors actually clean the science lab, they don't clean any surfaces except empty garbage or blackboards.
- **Stephanie:** Her department is only COVID related at this time.
- **Nisha:** We can't assume people are vaccinated.
- **Trent:** When we return to campus, students are self-checking for symptoms, do we have to take attendance? ***ACTION: Stephanie will f/u with Sarah.***

c) Chemical Management Software – Sarah and Stephanie:

- Waiting for TRU to pay still, it's been ordered. Then it can get up and running.

6. New Business:

a) Ventilation and plumbing in bathrooms – Nancy Van Wagoner: Concerned with proximity of sinks, plumbing and ventilation in women's bathrooms, taps spray water. ***ACTION: Trent will get Nancy to do Archibus to get fixed***

b) New Chair for Committee- Trent wants to step down as chair but will stay until September 2021. Stephanie: Committee's need second person as co-chair, employer chair and worker co-chair are needed.

- Kathy would do it but is not fulltime yet so can't commit.
- Christine Miller: UEPREP representation is difficult- they have had many retirements with no replacements so not sure who can commit to being on this committee.

c) **Whimis 2015- Christina Mohr:** Chem students have their own version which is more applicable. Sarah and Stephanie have gone through it before sending out live but there are still a few issues. ***ACTION: Email Stephanie with issues you find***

- Moodle certificates go straight to individuals, don't need to email OSEM anymore for them

d) **Incidents- Sarah/all:**

- 1 in Trades
- 1 in Healthcare aid program-back sprain
- 1 was AHT-snake bite non-poisonous

Christina Mohr: there's a cliff behind new nursing building that has no signage or barrier, fall hazard. ***ACTION: Stephanie will go assess.***

7. **Next meeting:** *Tara will send out doodle poll for date in August.*

8. **Adjourned:**

Minutes recorded by Tara Langle, reviewed by Trent Hammer.