

Faculty of Science Safety Committee Meeting

April 27th, 2023, ~ 2:30pm. – 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Dean of Science Office & Meeting Chairperson - Dr. Lori Francis, Dean of Science
Department of Astronomy and Physics –
Department of Biology – Dr. David Chiasson, Mr. Matt Logan, Dr. Michelle Patriquin
Department of Chemistry - Dr. Jason Masuda, Dr. Bitu Hurisso
Department of Engineering –
Department of Environmental Science – Dr. Jessica Younker
Animal Facility: Ms. Caila Henderson
Department of Forensic Sciences –
Department of Geology – Dr. Mitchell Kerr
Research Instrumentation Centres – Ms. Patricia Granados
Human Resources Department – Ms. Valerie Wadman
Risk and Insurance Services –
Facilities Management Department –

Regrets: Dr. Mike Dunlavy, Dr. Linda Campbell

ASL-English Interpreters – Not in attendance
Minute taker – April Scheller, Psychology Department

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 2:30pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

Call for Agenda Item Additions

Under Other Business – Lab safety form

Minutes from February 23 2023 meeting

C. Henderson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by J. Masuda. Minutes approved by majority.

Updates from the minutes: defer to next meeting: Drinking water and SOS emergency response.
L. Francis didn't have a chance to have a discussion with the Biology Chair regarding a chemical spill but will report back soon.

V. Wadman hasn't received any feedback or recommendations from the committee for the WHIMIS review or the OHS policy. Committee members have no feedback. V. Wadman will report back to JOHSC and let them know the FSSC doesn't have any recommendations at this time.

Solvent storage shelving – Small group should book time with P. Farmer to discuss options. M. Logan, B. Hurisso, J. Younker, M. Kerr. L. Francis will arrange the meeting next week.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Review of Submitted Faculty of Science Related Health and Safety Injury/Incident Report Forms

Incident #	Month	Incident Summary
6074	February 2023	Basic solution spilled on and burned hand. Student washed hand for 15 minutes, gloves disposed of. Action taken. Pay more attention to integrity of glove when wearing.
6076	February 2023	Student sending emails displaying concerning behaviour. Professor submitted a safety incident and reached out to Student services. No further action required. The behaviour has stopped.
6075	February 2023	Chemical splashed on hand in S519. Student was not paying attention, leakage from funnel on student's hand. Rinsed hand off. Action taken: Prompt student to pay more attention to lab safety practices.
6133	March 2023	Shallow cut on hand. Student need band aid. No further action required.

Terms of Reference

M. Dunlavy is on vacation. V. Wadman reviewed them and will present them at the May meeting.

SOP's

Standing item, none being reviewed at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC) Meeting Minutes

Updates: Online training for OHS is not being completed. 15 have completed it, there are 72 enrolled and 15 partial completes. Please complete and send feedback.

Number of changes to the OHS program that have been reviewed by the three committees and a recommendation will be sent to M. Benoit. Work has been done on JOHSC as well. It's on Brightspace and will be completed soon.

Only heard from one person who wants the intermediate First Aid course. Please let your departments know. A class of 8 -10 is best.

NAOSH week invitations went out to departments. Dr. Arla Day will be talking on Monday at 1pm in SB255. V. Wadman will send around the OSH Professional day invitation. Dr. Kevin Kelloway and Dr. Mark Fleming will give a safety talk from 1pm to 4pm on May 3rd in SB255.

Violence in the workplace review is due to start in August. Dr. Kelloway is working on the old survey. It's been approved by REB and some changes have been made. Hoping to have it out on May 15th.

Inspection reports are continuing to come in. Most of Science have been received.

L. Francis would like to have a discussion on how we register and pay for first aid training and kits. Mostly paid by the Dean's office but Arts has reached out for help with their training and kits. It's difficult to predict the budget. For PI's on research, grants should budget for the training and kits.

**Action Item: What the budget implications are and who is expected to pay for these items.
Add to future agenda.**

Lab Safety Form

The form that's available on the SMU safety resources page is out of date and the links aren't working.

Are other departments are using the generic form or do you adapt it to your lab space?

V. Wadman said the form should be modified for your lab if needed. If there are links broken it should be reviewed.

SOS Safety

Will carry forward for a future meeting

Drinking Water

Will carry forward for a future meeting

C. Henderson is on leave and Emily Allen will be added to the committee in her place.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20pm.

Dr. Lori Francis

Meeting Chairperson, Faculty of Science Safety Committee

Dean of Science