

Faculty of Science Safety Committee Meeting

December 13, 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. Mike Dunlavy

Department of Chemistry - Dr. Jason Masuda, Jennifer Wright

Animal Facility: Caila Henderson

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

Department of Geology – Mitch Kerr

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

Under Other Business, Science hallway motion sensors.

Minutes from the September 2024 meeting

Minutes unanimously approved and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Science Building Exterior Ground Cover

Action Item: S. Veres will follow up with P. Farmer to see what Edmonds recommended for ground cover.

REPORTS

Safety Advisor Report

Summary of Injury/Incident Reports for Faculty of Science

Incident #	Month	Incident Summary
7044	October	<u>Odor in lab:</u> There was an odor in a geology lab, but it could not be identified. It lasted about a week and then was gone.
7045	October	<u>Student cut finger on drawer:</u> Student was given a band aid, and the drawer was checked for any rough spots but none were noted.

Regarding Incident #7044: Facilities suggested recording the incident in case it happens again. It's possible the odor is from a floor drain.

Action Item: S. Veres will check with Facilities and see if water should be added to the drain during monthly maintenance.

OHS & Wellness Consultant: JOHSC Activity and Information

JOHSC minutes were sent to the committee. In V. Wadman's absence, S. Veres gave an update on the chilling system. The replacement part arrived, and the air conditioner is now fixed.

The online incident form is live and being used.

NEW BUSINESS

New SWP: SSWP 018: Science Safety Policy

The committee reviewed the SWP 018 document that's been created to make students aware of the consequences of not following the safe practices of the labs and what outcome that may have for their lab instruction.

S. Veres and L. Lucas will take the committee's recommendations and make changes to the language and bring back to the committee at the next meeting for approval.

New SWP: SSWP 015: Guidelines for Safe Work Practices in Labs

The committee reviewed the new SWP. L. Lucas made changes to the SSWP 015 language. The committee approved unanimously, and it will be added to the Science Safety website.

Updated SWP: SSWP 010: Guidelines for Safe Work Practices in Teaching Labs

The committee reviewed the new SWP. L. Lucas made minor spelling changes to the SSWP 010 document, and it will be cross referenced with SSWP 015. The committee approved unanimously, and it will be added to the Science Safety website.

OTHER BUSINESS

Science motion sensors

A student expressed concern when working in the lab in the evenings that it takes a while for

the motion sensor to come on.

Action Item: M. Kerr will put a work order in for Facilities to change the sensor. S. Veres will put a work order in to change the sensor in the science washroom since it's happening there as well.

Exterior Stairwell Drain

Discussion on the exterior stairwell drain persistently being slow to drain and concern about potential for resulting flood of basement.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

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