

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA | OKANAGAN
University Health and Safety Committee
Voting Members Minutes
Mar 25, 2019 @ 11:00am, Location ADM 006a

Hohl, Shannon	(BCGEU)	School of Engineering
Kane, Nicola	(BCGEU)	Campus Planning & Development
Majeran, Michelle	(BCGEU)	Health & Social Development, co-Chair
Zinz, David	(BCGEU)	School of Engineering
Vacant	(UBCFA)	
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Moralejo, Lisa	(UBCFA)	School of Nursing
Wagner, John	(UBCFA)	Community Culture & Global Studies
Bizzotto, Roger	(M & P)	Facilities Management, co-Chair
Campbell, Troy	(M & P)	Campus Security
Guenard, Chris	(M & P)	University Relations
Guttman, Guy	(M & P)	Conferences and Student Housing
Wilson, Roger	(M & P)	Health & Wellness

Ex-officio

Hingston, Adrian	(Ex-officio Member)	Associate Director, Risk Management Services
McLeod, Jason	(Ex-officio Member)	Risk Management Services
Michels, Cherie	(Ex-officio Member)	Risk Management Services

Guests

Bottorff, Joan	Institute for Healthy Living & Chronic Disease Prevention
Friesen, Lynelle	Health & Wellness

Recorder: N. Ingram

Chair: M. Majeran

1. Call to order and determination of quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda for Mar 25, 2019
 Moved/Seconded: G. Guttman, R. Bizzotto

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from Feb 25, 2019
 Moved/Seconded: G. Guttman, R. Wilson

4. New Business

- 4.1 Cannabis/tobacco on campus and smoke-free campus R. Wilson & Guests (15 min)
- Why smoke free campus
 - Smoking remains single greatest **preventable** disease and death, killing about 45,000 Canadians each year
 - Huge healthcare costs associated with smoking
 - Smoke-free buildings reduce risk and assist cessation
 - UBCO interested in preventing smoking uptake as well

- Demonstrable increase in smoking among young adults; whereas those who do not start smoking before age 20 likely will not start at all
 - Eliminate litter associated with smoking
 - Make UBCO a “model campus of wellbeing”
- Smoke free initiatives across Canada
 - Canadian Cancer Society tracking campuses going smoke-free across Canada, recently including McGill and Toronto; Okanagan College planning to go smoke-free at all campuses summer 2019
 - Increasing trend at campuses across Canada with over 70 Canadian campuses smoke-free
 - Target of 5% smoking rate by 2035
 - Movement towards plain cigarette packages – health warnings, regulated size, brand name fonts, etc.; in Australia and other countries where this has been introduced, demonstrated decrease in smoking rates
- Cannabis smoke
 - No evidence that smoking cannabis produces lung cancer but does introduce respiratory problems
 - Cannabis and tobacco co-users may be at greater risk of adverse health effects
- E-cigarettes and vaping
 - Vaping substances including nicotine and cannabis
 - Vaping exerts marked and extensive biological effects on human airways, suggesting that vaping is not a safe or harmless alternative to tobacco
 - No demonstrated conclusions that e-cigs help people quit smoking
 - Dose of nicotine in juuls is higher than that of cigarettes; raising concerns about addiction and gateway to tobacco cigarettes
- VOICE activities related to smoking
 - One-day stand – encourage a tobacco-free day
 - UBCO wellbeing review of literature on how campuses are beginning to introduce smoke-free – what worked and what didn’t
 - Wellbeing Advisory Committee provided update to UBC executive on smoke-free activities and distributed briefing note also distributed to this committee
 - Some interest in establishing smoke-free “health precinct” around Vancouver’s health buildings
 - President is willing to support smoke-free if there is support from campus community
 - Student-led consultations with stakeholders on campus
 - Smoking culture dialogue project – Dec 2018 to March 2019 funded by BC Lung
 - Placing info about provincial smoking cessation resources in gazebos
 - Curious on Cannabis, Let’s Talk Cannabis, Dialogues on smoking discussions with various campus demographics
- How to make campus smoke-free – suggestions from community
 - Mixed opinions about how to make gazebos disappear – remove all at once vs. removing them gradually
 - Consider a perimeter around campus
 - Suggestions re language: smoke-free, non-smoking, clean air
 - Suggestions about keeping people informed – why it is important and why we’re doing this – student recruitment materials, hiring contractors, etc.
 - Would require ongoing education and resources; managing cravings on campus and smoking cessation resources where desired
 - Shouldn’t ignore voices of those who smoke

- Consensus re: no punitive measures
- Concerns about placement of gazebos
 - People who are not wanting exposure to smoke are being exposed – think that gazebos need to be moved
 - Most problematic one between EME and ADM
- Other concerns about smoke-free
 - Concerns about maintaining welcoming campus and maintaining that with possible smoke-free rules
 - Don't want to erode positive relationships with Security and Facilities
 - Consider needs of those who live on campus and visit (including transit riders and drivers)
 - Safety and fire risk
- Campus information needs
 - Cannabis and mental health
 - Edibles and alternatives to smoking
 - Health implications and cannabis
 - Cannabis and addictions
 - Cannabis and co-use of other substances
 - Different types of cannabis
- Gazebo observations once cannabis was legalized – Beginning Oct 17, 2018
 - Students did 45 circuits of gazebos in first 4 weeks
 - Head count – how many people were in gazebos, if we could tell what they were using
 - Took any comments that gazebo users wanted to provide
 - Cannabis mostly smoked in UNC gazebo
 - UNC used most frequently by tobacco but also by cannabis and vaping
 - EME used extensively for tobacco
 - Arts typically for vaping
 - Just stopped another 4 week round of observations and are now compiling the data
 - Kalamalka/Nicola not well-used during the day; didn't do many evening observations
 - UNC gazebo displaced because of construction
- Dialogues on Smoking
 - Dialogue wall moved from building to building, engaging with whoever would answer – people posted comments to 3 different questions on the wall; others posted in response to existing comments
 - Spoke to approx. 200 people
 - Group sessions with students, staff, and faculty based on responses on dialogue wall; 2 sessions, into some classrooms, and into gazebos
 - Responses
 - People who are adamantly against and for smoke-free
 - Report forthcoming re: dialogue work taking place – coming out within the next month or so
 - Many people already thought decision had been made to go smoke-free
- Recommendation
 - Establish task force or steering committee to coordinate development of plan for smoke-free campus and implementation; include cannabis, tobacco, and vaping
 - UBCV established task force for smoke-free health precinct

- Recommended that number of gazebos be reduced whenever possible and carefully consider relocation on gazebos; recommend that no money spent on new gazebos
- Provide support and resources for smoking cessation on campus
- Subsequent to meeting with DRT, DVC has set up a campus task force including Ian Cull, Rob Einarson and Gill Henderson; it has not met yet, first meeting to be held approx. in May
- UHSC not represented on initial membership of smoke-free committee
- University of Newcastle – Australia – smoke free for one year with no fires
- Housing – concerns about smoke-free zone mean that students are more likely to smoke inside and cause damage to rooms
 - Have campuses with smoke-free had uptick in illegal smoking, specially campuses with residences within residence buildings
- H&W has bought Nicorette gum & 12-week program – pilot project for international students who do not have access to smoking cessation resources within the first 3 months

4.2 Committee info: Ergonomics

J. McLeod/A. Hingston

Deferred to next meeting

5. Old Business

5.1 JOHSC Update

A. Hingston (5 min)

Deferred to next meeting

5.2 Training Opportunity Survey - results

A. Hingston (10 min)

See https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8zZH083QZoXuQAZ

Deferred to next meeting

6. Standing Items

6.1 Building Inspections

N. Ingram (5min)

Deferred to next meeting

- 17/18 inspection schedule **updated** and circulated
- CHP inspection completed

6.2 Risk Management Services Report

RMS

To be attached as Addendum 1

J. McLeod (5min)

6.3 Campus Security Report

Campus Security

To be attached as Addendum 2

T. Campbell (5min)

6.4 Courses/Seminars/Opportunities – update

N. Ingram (<5min)

- **RMS:**

- Chemical Safety (Includes WHMIS)
 - Fri, March 1, 8:30-11:30am

- **RMS course registration:**

<http://riskmanagement.ok.ubc.ca/register.html>

- **BCFed Health & Safety Centre:** <https://www.healthandsafetybc.ca/course-calendar> (all courses run 8:30-4:30)
 - Occupational Health & Safety Pt 1 – June 25 and Nov 26 (Kelowna)
 - Mental Health & CSA Standard – June 25 (Kelowna)
 - Improving Committee Effectiveness – June 26 (Kelowna)
 - Workplace Bullying & Harassment – June 26 (Kelowna)
 - Improving Committee Effectiveness – Nov 19 (Kelowna)
 - Occupational Health & Safety Pt 2 – Nov 26 (Kelowna)
 - Incident Investigations – Nov 28 (Kelowna)
- **Mental Health Commission of Canada**
 - Conference – Mental Health in the Capital 2019
 - April 8-9, 2019
 - Note that this course is not eligible for 8-hour annual leave entitlement, but may be of interest to some on the committee

7. Date for next meeting:

April 25, 11am-noon

8. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded: G. Guttman., R. Bizzotto

Addendum 1
Risk Management Services Incident Report Summary: Feb. 23 - Mar. 24, 2018
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1. Worker Accident/Incident Reports - Injury Reported - Feb. 23 - Mar. 24:

Feb. 28th: A teaching assistant who had worked during a lab session showed the TA for the upcoming lab session that a knob on one of the hotplates was loose and could fall off. During the subsequent lab session, the knob was turned and fell off. Then to turn the hotplate back on, the TA grasped the metal stem that the knob had been affixed to; the TA's fingers were burned from residual heat in the metal stem. The injury was minor. The issue with the knob had not been previously reported and thus preventative corrective actions did not occur. Subsequent investigation revealed that the set screw used to affix the knob had loosened; the screw was tightened and the knob now remains attached when used.

Mar. 3rd: A worker was moving moderately heavy books from a cart onto a lower shelf. During this process, the worker suffered a muscle strain while bending down to move books onto the lowest shelf. Basic musculoskeletal and manual material handling training will be delivered to employees in this department that have similar tasks.

2. Worker Accident/Incident Reports - No Injury Reported - Feb. 23 - Mar. 24:

Feb. 22nd: (though this incident occurred on the last day of the previous reporting period, the incident report was submitted on Feb. 25th) A package containing chemicals but that was not marked as containing dangerous goods was picked up from Central Receiving and Mail Services and taken to a building mail room instead of the specific lab it was intended for. After that, the container, which was marked "perishable", was placed in a staff lunchroom freezer. Upon discovery of the item in the freezer, it was moved to its proper lab location. The box containing the chemical bottle was not unsealed through these stages; the freezer was nonetheless professionally cleaned as a precaution. The box was destroyed before its labeling could be evaluated to determine if a labeling issue might have been a cause of its improper storage. CRMS receiving procedures have been reviewed with the lab involved in the situation to prevent recurrence.

Mar. 14th: A loud bang from an adjacent lab was heard by a lab technician just after 8:00pm; a loud hissing sound followed. Campus Security was contacted; external building access was locked down and building occupants were evacuated room-by-room by CS. While it was originally thought that the hissing was from a leaking nitrogen tank, it was subsequently determined that it was compressed air. The RMS Associate Director had come back onto campus upon being called about the situation. Under the direction of the off-site Chemistry lab manager, entered the lab and closed off the compressed air valve. Follow-up investigation determined that an O-ring had failed in August 2018 and was replaced with a rubber band. Proper repair did not subsequently occur and the rubber band failed causing this incident. The Chemistry lab manager repaired the connection with a proper O-ring and a cyclical maintenance program of system components was developed.

3. Statistics - Feb. 23 - Mar. 24:

First Aid Statistics:

Total worker reports (not including contractors or students): 2

- Work-related (sprain, strain, cut, contusion, bruise): 2
- Internal & other: 0
- Non-work related (sprains, strains, cuts, etc.): 0

WorkSafeBC Claims:

- Approved - Health Care Only: 0
- Approved - Time Loss & Health Care: 0
- Pending Decision - Health Care Only: 0
- Pending Decision - Time Loss & Health Care: 0

Addendum 2
Campus Security Report: Feb. 23 - Mar. 24, 2018
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To be attached

**Addendum 3
Building Inspection Schedule**

Last updated: Oct 3, 2018

UHSC - Building Inspections 2017/18			
Team	Building	Status	Report to committee
Guy Guttman, Shannon Hohl	Residences: Monashee	Complete March 7, 2018	Y
Guy Guttman, Lisa Moralejo	University Centre (UNC)	Complete March 6, 2018	Y
Chris Guenard, Jason McLeod, MWO Inspector	Mountain Weather Office (MWO)	Outstanding from 16/17	
Troy Campbell, Michelle Majeran	Parking Lots F, H, E, R	Complete May 22, 2018	Y
Nicola Kane, Troy Campbell	Central Heating Plant		
Chris Guenard, David Zinz	Creative and Critical Studies	Complete June 14, 2018	Y
Guy Guttman, Lisa Moralejo	Gym/Hangar & Portable N	Complete Oct 1, 2018	Y
John Wagner, Shannon Hohl	Library		
Roger Wilson, Michelle Majeran	Nicola and Purcell Residences	Complete July 5, 2018	Y
David Zinz, Troy Campbell	Parking lot G	Complete Sept 14, 2018	Y
Shannon Hohl, Roger Wilson	Quonset Hut & Office	Complete	Y
Peter Urmetzter, Chris Guenard	Reichwald Health Sciences	Completed June 20, 2018	Y
Roger Bizzotto, Nicola Kane	Similkameen & Valhalla Residences		
Lisa Moralejo, Michelle Majeran	University House & Portable A	Completed Aug 8, 2018	Y