



UBC Okanagan AVP Provost & VP Research JOHSC

Meeting information:	Date & Time:	2022/02/22 @ 11:00 AM	
	Location:	virtual meeting via zoom	
	Call to Order:	11:05 AM	
	Adjournment:	11:35 AM	
Previous meeting date:	2022/01/25	Next meeting date & time:	2022/03/29

Committee members, advisors, guests, etc. (indicate co-chairs):	Name:	Role:	Present (Y/N):
	Stephen O’Leary	Worker rep - ENGINEERING	Y
	Kathy Rush	Worker rep - FHDS	Y
	Praveen Rajan	Worker rep - ENGINEERING	Y
	Kristin Schuppener	Employer rep - EDUCATION	Y
	Barb Jackson	Employer rep - IKBSAS	Y
	Deanna Roberts	Employer rep - COGS	Y
	Rebecca Cowell	Resources - HSE	Y
	Cherie Michels	Resources - HSE	Y
	Melissa Torney	Resources - HSE	Y
Is quorum achieved? (minimum of 4 voting members: # worker reps ≥ # employer reps) Y / N			Y

Motion to adopt previous meeting’s minutes:	Deanna Roberts	Seconded:	Kathy Rush
Motion to adopt current meeting’s agenda:	Kristin Schuppener	Seconded:	Barb Jackson

	Informal inspections conducted	Formal inspections conducted	Recommendations made to employer
This period	0	0	0
Year-to-date	0	0	0

Report Categories	Details
Incidents (reporting on previous month)	<p>January Incidents – Addendum 1</p> <p>4 worker/practicum injuries</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. twisted knee moving cart</li> <li>2. Practicum Student, dizzy and faint while with patient. Treated at hospital they were working at</li> <li>3. Slip outside building, no injuries</li> <li>4. Engineering student working with furnace in IP1, explosion occurred, eyewash station was used, no injuries reported. Nitrogen system wasn’t properly cleaned/purged.</li> </ol>



	<p>3 Student incidents</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Loss of consciousness during lab observation</li> <li>2. Contact with Chemicals, burning on hand</li> <li>3. Pipette was damaged and injured student (before chemicals were added)</li> </ol> <p><b>Follow up needed on December incident involving security vehicle and Transit bus - CH</b></p>
Inspections	<p>Gas Safety: Walkthrough update – Stephen &amp; Barb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Barb, Stephen, Cherie did walkthrough of gas storage</li> <li>- Consider developing a protocol for listing gas storage outside of each lab</li> <li>- <b>Barb to facilitate and present to committee</b></li> </ul> <p>Lab inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly safety topic: Sharps (including blades and needles)</li> </ul>
Other OHS reports	
HSE Program Update	
Training and Education	
Resumption Updates	

Old Business	Item #		Who	Target date
		<p>Safety in stairwells</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stairwell audit happening in the coming months. Assessing lighting and signage.</li> </ul>	Joan Botorff	TBD

New Business	Item #		Who	Target date
		<p>Safety in Food Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update by March meeting</li> </ul>	RC to take to AVFO JOHSC	March
		<p>Gas Safety training program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manual and course being developed</li> </ul>	Stephen O’Leary Cherie Michels Barb Jackson	

Monthly Distribution and Posting of Approved Meeting Minutes (Required):

- Responsible VP
- All JOHSC members
- Online (<https://hse.ok.ubc.ca/committee/>)



**Addendum 1**

Dept. of Health, Safety & Environment - Incident Report Summary: January 1-31, 2022

University of British Columbia - Okanagan Campus JOHSCs

February 16, 2022

<b>Worker / Practicum Student Incidents</b>					
	<b>Incidents</b>	<b>Near Miss / No Injury</b>	<b>First Aid</b>	<b>Medical Treatment</b>	<b>Lost-time injury</b>
This period (Jan. 2022)	5	0	1	2	2
This period last year	7	0	5	1	1
Year-to-date (2022)	4	0	1	2	1

1. Worker/Practicum Student Accident/Incident Reports:

January 17<sup>th</sup>: Fall from elevation. *Time Loss / Injury.* A worker was leaving work and was descending concrete stairs within one of the campus buildings when they slipped and fell. The worker hit their head and continued to tumble down 8 more stairs before coming to a stop. The worker did not seek first aid treatment on campus but did visit a medical facility the next day. Due to the resulting injuries, the worker missed some work time and the injury became classified as a lost time injury.

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>: Knee strain. *Medical Treatment / Injury.* A worker reported that they twisted their knee while pushing a large, heavy cart from one area to another.

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>: Reduced consciousness. *Medical Treatment / No Injury.* A practicum student was feeding a patient. The practicum student became lightheaded and dizzy, removed self from bedside, and sat in satellite nursing station. Became diaphoretic (sweating) and pale. Nurses attended to student, tested blood sugar which was low, the practicum student was thus given sugars and triaged to the emergency department.

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>: Fall on same level. *Time Loss / Injury.* A worker was walking from their personal vehicle to their work station at the start of the day. They slipped and fell going around the corner of the building. Worker got up slowly while attempting to determine what injuries may have been suffered. Worker then carried on to their office and prepared for their work day.

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>: Matter in eye. *Incident Only / No Injury.* Large audible bang heard by workers in area. They checked on a paid student who was working alone and sitting on the floor. The eyewash station was used to rinse eyes. The paid student had loaded extra material into a furnace (suggesting that they overloaded the furnace). It was



determined that SOPs were not followed and needed improvement (which is currently ongoing). Experiment has been conducted in the past without incident. Lab is investigating the possibility that the bang was caused by contamination in the new nitrogen gas system. Lab is temporarily using bottled gas until exact cause can be determined.

2. Student Accident/Incident Reports (for information only):

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>: Loss of consciousness. *Incident Only / No Injury*. Student was observing a lab session when they passed out and fell down, hitting their head.

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>: Contact with chemicals. *Incident Only / No Injury*. A student was participating in a lab session when they reported feeling some burning near their hand. The TA and the technician helped run water over the affected area and deemed that exposure to sulfuric acid that was being used in the lab was the likely chemical that was causing the burn. The technician applied some burn ointment. The student said they felt fine and continued the lab.

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>: Rubbed, abraded, sharp contact. *Incident Only / Injury*. Student was using a pipette when it broke and cut their index finger. No chemicals were involved. Student alerted the TA who treated it with first aid kit; Campus Security was then contacted for follow-up assessment/treatment.