



UBC Okanagan AVP Provost & VP Research JOHSC

Meeting information:	Date & Time:	2022/11/22 @ 11:00 am	
	Location:	virtual meeting via zoom	
	Call to Order:	11:04	
	Adjournment:	11:39	
Previous meeting date:	2022/10/25	Next meeting date & time:	2022/12/13

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
	Ieva Zigg	Employer rep - IKBSAS	Y
	Adrian Hingston	Resources - HSE	N
	Cherie Michels	Resources - HSE	Y
	Alison Ward	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:	K. Rush	Seconded:	K. Schuppener
Motion to adopt current meeting’s agenda:	B. Jackson	Seconded:	P. Rajan

Report Categories	Details
Incidents (reporting on previous month)	<p>See Addendum 1 – report for incidents in October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re: Oct. 5 incident: C. Michels notes that reminder was issued to labs that sharps go in containers, not bags. HSE is currently looking at different types of gloves for handling waste that have liquid coating to provide puncture and cut protection. Re: Oct. 11 and 27 incidents: K. Rush to follow up to see if there is any way that the Committee can provide further support. Re: Oct. 27 incident (second on list): P. Rajan to follow up.
Inspections	<p>See Addendum 2. Inspection completed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering Design Labs (B. Jackson and S. O’Leary)
Other OHS reports	



HSE Program Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November Lab Safety Spotlight: Chemicals of Concern C. Michels conducted follow-up lab checks on safety topics for September (PPE) and October (Transportation of Dangerous Goods). Summary of data to be sent to Department Heads once completed. Question re: Transportation of Dangerous Goods – when is training required? C. Michels explains that most companies that we order dangerous goods from on a frequent basis are trained in the safety of shipping these items; however if not, the responsibility and legal implications fall on the person who places the order. Training is recommended for anyone placing orders for dangerous goods on a regular basis.
Training and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JOHSC Course 2 now available: https://wpl.ubc.ca/browse/ubcohse/courses/wpl-srs-johsc2-o PACE (Program and Committee Evaluation) program officer is available for specific training
Resumption Updates	

Old Business	Item #		Who	Target date
	2022.01	<p>JOHSC Member Training</p> <p>JOHSC fundamentals training is a requirement for all members of JOHSC members. This is a WorkSafeBC requirement. Historically there have been many opportunities to complete this training, however not specific to UBC programs. HSE has now finalized the second part of the Fundamentals training for JOHSC members so that both Part 1 and Part 2 are more applicable to UBC Safety Processes.</p> <p>The JOHSC Fundamentals training program can be accessed at: JOHSC Fundamentals UBC-O - UBCO - Health, Safety and Environment</p> <p>If you have already done part 1 and would like to just take part 2, it can be accessed at: UBCO - JOHSC Fundamentals Part 2 - UBCO - Health, Safety and Environment</p>	Chairs	

New Business	Item #		Who	Target date
	2022.01	<p>Holiday Gathering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion around availability for a holiday gathering for committee members with possible educational information session from WorkSafe BC 		



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: October 1-31, 2022
University of British Columbia - Okanagan Campus JOHSCs
November 15, 2022

Worker / Practicum Student Incidents					
	Incidents	Near Miss / No Injury	First Aid	Medical Treatment	Lost-time injury
This period (Oct. 2022)				1	2
This period last year (2021)	4	2	1	0	1
Year-to-date (2022)					
Year-to-date (2021)	36	8	21	4	3

1. Worker/Practicum Student Accident/Incident Reports:

Oct 1st: Struck against. *Time loss / Injury*. A worker was putting away items into a storage rack; the storage rack is beside a solid structure of steel metal suspended in the air. The worker was standing in front of the shelf when a co-worker went to pass by with a cart with equipment. When the co-worker announced that they were about to pass by, the worker took one step sideways to the right to yield and give room. In the motion of doing that, their head hit the suspended metal object with the lateral upper right side of their head. The impact from the blow resulted in a concussion.

Oct 5th: Contact with Potentially Infectious Materials. *Incident only / Injury*. A worker who collects hazardous waste from labs (a.k.a. “handler”) had picked up autoclaved waste bags that contained Risk Group 2 wastes (RG2 is identified as a pathogen that can cause human or animal disease but is unlikely to be a serious hazard to laboratory workers, the community, livestock or the environment.) The hazardous waste processing contractor had recently changed the size of storage bins which reduced the size of the bins. Handler was attempting to pack bins snugly to mitigate for this change. Light pressure was applied to bag and a sharp item came out of the bag pricking the disposable nitrile gloves worn by the handler. The handler then walked down the hall to the bathroom (about 75 m) to wash hands in the sink. Pressure was applied to hand to encourage bleeding to assist in flushing out any potential contaminants. Handler then went to first aid room for further flushing and cleaning. After this, the handler obtained information from owner of bag as to potential contents of bag and results from recent autoclave testing to determine what their exposure risks were.

Oct 6th: Musculoskeletal injury. *Time loss / Injury*. A worker was putting away a large shipment of Christmas supplies for a food service vendor. The boxes were taped and glued closed so the worker was using scissors



and their hands to open the boxes. The worker ripped half of one of the boxes open when they felt a sharp pain go down the forearm to wrist, this pain happened twice.

Oct 8th: Musculoskeletal injury. *Incident only / Injury*. A worker was in a walk-in freezer, and was kneeling to read labels on boxes so they could determine where the boxes were supposed to go. While kneeling, the worker was handed a box to put behind them. In the process of doing this, they twisted in an awkward manner and felt immediate pain in their back.

Oct 11th: Rubbed, Abraded, Sharp Contact. *Incident only / No injury*. A practicum student was opening large 5 mL glass ampoules of medication with an alcohol swab as a protective measure. Despite the preventative measure being taken, the practicum student cut their thumb and finger when breaking open the ampoule.

Oct 27th: Needlestick. *Medical treatment / Injury*. A practicum student administered insulin via insulin pen. When student went to discard needle, they stated, "I don't know if I poked myself, but I felt something sharp and the tip of my finger hurts". Practicum student removed nitrile gloves, there was no blood or trauma noted, the student was told to wash their hands and area of suspected injury with soap and water. The student stated that the needle may not have fully retracted into the protective device.

Oct 27th: Spills or gas leaks. *Incident only / No injury*. A worker dropped a 1 L bottle of 5% nitric acid as they were putting it into the acid cabinet. The bottle broke causing a spill but none of the nitric acid contacted the worker. The worker proceeded to clean up the spill using sodium bicarbonate. The addition of the sodium bicarbonate resulted in a paste being formed. The paste was removed and placed into beakers.



Addendum 2
2022 Inspection Plan

2022 AVP Provost & VP Research Building Inspection Plan				
	Responsible Parties	Date Planned	Date Inspected	Date Deficiencies reported
Arts & Sciences	Rajan / Zigg	October 17, 2022	October 17, 2022	October 19, 2022
Engineering Design Labs	O'Leary / Jackson	November 22, 2022	November 22, 2022	November 22, 2022
Engineering Management & Education	Rush / Jackson	August 15, 2022	August 15, 2022	August 23, 2022
Fipke	O'Leary / Schuppener			
Innovation Precinct 1	Rush / Zigg	October 17, 2022	October 17, 2022	October 21, 2022
Upper Campus Health	Rajan / Schuppener	August 8, 2022	August 8, 2022	August 23, 2022
Science	Rajan / Jackson	August 26, 2022	August 26, 2022	August 30, 2022