

**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF EARTH, OCEAN, and ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES**

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 31, 2016

ESB Room 2025

9:30am - 10:30am

Present: Renee Haggart (Co-Chair), Alicia Warkentin (Secretary), Tim Morgan, Rich Friedman, Kate Blackburn (Faculty of Science), Denise Feighan (PIMS), Murray Allan, Amy Chan, Mike LeBlanc

Regrets: Roger Francois (Co-Chair), Lora Pakhomova, Rick White (Stats), Teela Narsih

Action Items:

Action Item: RF to compose and distribute Lab/Office Inspection email.

Action Item: TM to ask for volunteers from the Safety Committee to inspect the fume hoods on Friday, April 8.

Meeting called to order: 9:30am

Adoption of previous Safety Committee Meeting Minutes: Thursday, February 25, 2016

Approved: DF

Seconded: R. Friedman

1. ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORTS:

- Laptop Theft in EOS-Main – RH said that a student’s laptop computer was stolen in mid-April from EOAS Main. The student could not provide an exact date, as the room where it was located was unlocked and unattended over a period of days. RH asked the student to contact the RCMP.

2. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- RH confirmed that RB has agreed to subsidize the AME BC’s Safety Workshop fee by 50%. Four EOAS 328 students have enrolled in the workshop.
- TM confirmed that the General Waste Summary Report categories have changed which may have resulted in increased flammable liquid.
- RH confirmed that Daphne Fogelman will take on the role of Ergonomic Representative for EOAS.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- TM confirmed that the lab/office inspections will begin in April 2016 and that the checklists and forms have been updated. ML, R. Friedman, and LP will assist TM with the inspections. Any space that combines work space with labs will be inspected as lab space. TM has confirmed the spaces that will be inspected as either a lab or office. Any issues that arise will be dealt with on an ad-hoc basis. TM and RH will conduct the classroom inspections. RF to distribute the Lab/Office Inspection email to PIs.

Action Item: RF to compose and distribute Lab/Office Inspection email.

- TM said that there are unacceptable pH levels in the ESB sanitary drains. RH and TM met with Risk Management to review the filtration process. A mechanism will be put in place to detect the acidic waste source. Building Operations and Risk Management will add dyes to the drainage system to locate the leakage. Ongoing.
- TM reminded the SCM that the Strobe shutdown will be held on April 9, 2016. TM suggested that an inspection of the fume hoods before the shutdown would be beneficial to ensure that materials are removed. TM to ask for volunteers from the Safety Committee to inspect the fume hoods on Friday, April 8.

Action Item: TM to ask for volunteers from the Safety Committee to inspect the fume hoods on Friday, April 8.

Next Safety Committee Meeting – Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 9:30am in ESB 2025