

# Faculty of Environment Health & Safety Committee

Health & Safety Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: 2:30 – 3pm

Venue: Teams

Present: Neil Carnegie, Bev Raimbault, Cheri Oestreich, Dan Beaver, Donald Duff McCracken, Eilleen Davidson, Jennifer Nicholson, Kim Boucher, Mary Anne Hardy, Sheree Solomon, Sophie Dallaire.

## **Minutes:**

1. Masking for the Fall term
  - All understand what's required to date; masking in an academic setting (a lab or a classroom).
  - Johanna Wandel sent an email to the Undergraduates to remind them that masks are required for exams.
  - To date no mention of masking protocols for the Winter term.
2. Safely Inspecti ons- How is everyone finding Safely? Are there any issues?
  - No issues with Safely all round.
3. New Faculty lab user required for the committee
  - Maria Strack is moving to an administrative position and can't continue with the Committee, so Neil is looking for another faculty committee member.
4. New Musculoskeleton prevention guidelines; <https://msdprevention.com>
  - Use the website as a resource to prevent back injuries and as an ergonomic resource.

5. Electrical safety certification inspections will begin in January
  - Neil has heard from a few labs that some things might be updates and he will communicate that back to us. Neil will be in contact with the Safety office about how to go about approaching the issue of potential equipment.
  - Dan indicated he can replace the Ecology lab equipment's power supply if needed.
  
6. Minor changes to the first aid program: first aiders cleaning up?
  - Yes generally the first aiders are responsible for cleaning up bodily fluids however if there are no supplies for doing so a call to Plant Operations to assist with the clean up is best.
  
7. Office Heaters
  - Just a reminder that heaters can trip breakers if you have too many operating.
  
8. WHMIS verification for undergrads
  - We were advised of this fairly recently, but it's not clear in any University materials or with the Safety office.
  - Neil has reached out to faculties about what they are doing with WHMIS for undergrads, and some faculties are not doing it and some are doing it only for labs.
  - Neil reached out to Kate Windsor about this to make her aware that the other faculties are not checking for this, some are only doing it for labs.
  - She said it was in 2014 or something like that, that all faculties came to an agreement. We asked for some details of why we came to that agreement when it doesn't seem to be an MOL requirement.
  - We haven't heard back from the Safety office about it yet.
  - We should only be checking it for people who need it, who actually coming in contact with those materials.
  - Kim mentioned if it's to be implemented for all it should be in the course calendar, like a requirement for graduation.