

**Faculty of Health Sciences  
Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC)  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.  
Kelly Boardroom, Macklem House/Zoom**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Logan Bale	DBMS	USW Local 2010
	Sharon David	SRT	MGMT
	Monika Holzschuh	A&S	QUFA
	Christine Irving	FHS Ops	MGMT
	Dan Langham	EH&S	
	Allison Mackey	Nursing	MGMT
	Yat Tse	DBMS	MGMT
<b>Minutes:</b>	Tammy Henry	FHS Ops	
<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	John Singleton	Cancer Research Labs	MGMT
	<b><i>Worker co-chair vacant</i></b>		
<b>Regrets:</b>	Anne Biggar	CCTG	Non-union
	Jacqueline Findlay	Medicine	MGMT
<b>Copy to:</b>	Safety Officers, Faculty of Health Sciences Department Heads		

*J. Singleton (Co-Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.*

**1) Approval of the Minutes of April 20, 2022**

Approved by S. David and seconded by A. Mackey

**2) New Business**

**2.1 Inspection Update – Botterell Level 4,5,6**

M. Holzschuh reported on inspections that were completed. Many of the small issues found have now been addressed. Y. Tse mentioned that there was a counter repair done in Rm. 516, but there is a gap underneath and therefore might not pass biohazard inspection. Dan suggested that facilities be contacted to come back and rectify this. If it is still not fitted properly the department or committee can refer this to EH&S. Y. Tse spoke about an external contractor that has been contacted to repair a countertop. Also there are several ceiling tiles that still need to be replaced.

## **2.2 Incident Report**

J. Singleton reported on an incident in Neurosciences. A staff member was moving a case of equipment on wheels. The handle slipped out of his hand and case dropped onto his toe and broke it. Seen at HDH Urgent Care. No lost time.

### **3) Other Business**

J. Singleton said that while reviewing inspection teams it was noted that we now inspect the School of Medicine Building. Y. Tse has agreed to inspect all four levels of the building.

There are several vacant positions on our committee at the moment.

D. Langham indicated that Sandra Jeffers of EH&S is currently reaching out to fill many positions. If anyone knows of an individual that may be interested filling a position please ask them to contact their union and indicate that they would like to volunteer.

#### **D. Langham report**

D. Langham reviewed that there was no new provincial regulations as we headed into the fall semester. The university announced that the mask mandate will continue to be suspended. The messaging also indicated that the university is a mask friendly environment. The healthcare sector has continued with some restrictions. If entering one of these healthcare settings their policies and procedures would prevail. There is mask signage that individuals can use to signal people to wear a mask when visiting your office.

We need to continue to communicate that screening is still very important. The government isolation has changed to a symptom resolution approach. The university has adopted this approach as well. Public Health recommends when returning to work you should wear a mask until you have reached the 10 days from onset of symptoms.

Door signage has been updated. The SeQure app continues to be updated as well.

Physical plant has done a lot of preventative maintenance with ventilation systems. The portable filtration units put in classrooms were looked at as well. They will be inspected routinely throughout the school year to ensure they continue to function.

The Harassment and Discrimination policy amendments were sent to committees to review. The document shows a few clarified areas. The Secretariat office is looking for comments. Any comments can be discussed at a meeting or electronic comments can be forwarded.

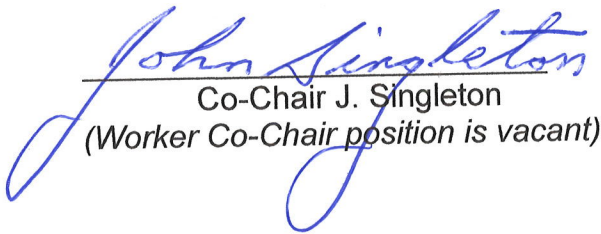
C. Irving wonders how people are dealing with spaces in the faculty that are more open workspaces. It isn't easy to put up the new signage regarding wearing a mask when it isn't enclosed. C. Irving commented that QHS does have masking requirements. We require masks to be worn in any learning environment that simulates clinical education and/or any clinical setting.

#### 4) Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.*

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

Minutes approved by:

  
Co-Chair J. Singleton  
(Worker Co-Chair position is vacant)