

**Faculty of Science**  
**Science Safety and Health Committee Minutes**  
**November 18, 2022 online**  
**Attendance August 2022 – June 2023**

Y=Present

P=Proxy received

A=Absent

Name	Area	Aug 17	Sep 23	Oct 21	Nov 18	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Sonia Walczak	VTEC	A	Y	Y	Y							
Tara Geiger	VTEC	A	P	P	P	P						
Kathy Baethke	Biology tech-Co-chair	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Christine Petersen	Biology	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Michelle Boham	Chemistry tech	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Christina Mohr	Chemistry (recorder)	A	Y	Y	Y	P						
Nisha Puthiyedth	Computing Science	A	Y	Y	A							
Yan Yan	Computing Science	A	O	N		L	E	A	V	E		
Catharine Tatarniuk	Engineering	Y	P	P	P	P						
Abril Fink	Engineering tech		Y	Y	Y							
Nancy Van Wagoner	Geology	A	A	A	A							
Yehia Mahmoud	Math	A	Y	A	A							
Joanna Urban	Microbiology-Co-chair	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Sheri Watson	NRS	A	Y	P	Y							
Colin Taylor	Physics	A	Y	Y	Y							
Janine Rostron	Respiratory Therapy	Y	Y	Y	P							
Christine Miller	UEPrep	A	A	A	A							
<b>Resource members</b>												
Stephanie Lawrence	OSEM	Y	Y	A	A							
Sarah Martin	Health Safety Manager	A	A	A	Y							
Tara Langley	Recorder	Y	Y	Y	left	com	mit	tee				
Corinne Petersen	Administrative Rep	A	A	Y	Y							
Henry Chan	OSEM	Y	Y	Y	Y							

1. **Call to order:** (time) 1:02 pm
2. **Motion to adopt agenda by:** Christine Petersen      **Seconded by:** Sheri Watson
3. **Review of Minutes from October 21, 2022**
  - **Motion to adopt October 21, 2022, minutes by:** Joanna Urban      **Seconded by:** Abril Fink
4. **Old Business**
  - a) **Inspections Training (OSEM):** If people are interested, contact OSEM (email them) to arrange training session.
  - b) **WHMIS 2015 training for science students** – Sarah met with the Dean and the Chairs. Departments need to come to a consensus. Will implement in new academic year: Science

students in courses that use hazardous materials must take WHMIS training in 1<sup>st</sup> year and 3<sup>rd</sup> year (refresher). OSEM will support faculty as needed. Not sure of discussions within the departments. OSEM will follow up with Greg. **ACTION: OSEM**

- c) **Communication between TRU departments** – Joanna and Kathy met with Sarah regarding flow of communication.
- d) **Security Response to First Aid** – Reminder that security only have Level 1 and 2. Can administer first aid and recommend seeking further medical aid only.
- e) **Inspection Schedule** – VTech July date still needs one more volunteer. Please sign up on sheet.
- f) **Lab coats in hallways and CL2 lab** – Colour for CL2 lab coats will be yellow. Kathy to take care of getting coats dyed. **ACTION: Kathy**
- g) **Instructor Responsibilities in labs and classrooms** – Individual instructors are responsible for ensuring safety – please ensure you pass this information on to your departments. Lab inspection checklist – made available in the labs. Please make your departments aware of this. **ACTION: Kathy** to post in biology labs.
- h) **Update TOR mini committee:** Kathy in communication with JOSHC to make sure TOR aligns with theirs.
- i) **Eyewash Stations – S172 and S274** – Colin put together order for S274. CSF eyewash – one may need to be replaced (one in delivery/waste pickup department) **ACTION: Michelle** to check with Isaac on status.

## 5. New Business

- a) **Safety App and Student knowledge of such.** Many students unaware of the TRUSafe app. Advertised on the emergency boards around campus. Promoted at the Welcome Back BBQ, promoted internally. Sarah to ask Marcom to put out in TRUConnect. Link to TRUSafe App: <https://www.tru.ca/risk-management-services/security/tru-safe-app.html> Please talk to departments about physical building addresses for when you need emergency services. Sarah to get the building addresses into the TRUSafe app. There is a crisis line, Keep me Safe for immediate intervention (in multiple languages). For more resources – reach out to Cassie Greenough ([cgreenough@tru.ca](mailto:cgreenough@tru.ca)), Director of Student Affairs.  
  
Should we ask instructors to make a blurb about the TRUSafe app? **ACTION: Committee** members to mention at next department meeting.
- b) **Glutaraldehyde use in RT** – Janine found a substitute for glutaraldehyde use: PREempt HLD5 2% hydrogen peroxide.
- c) **Formaldehyde use at TRU** – We can put a restriction at the purchasing level for ordering unless it is approved – requiring exposure control plan, etc. Need to look into any use of formaldehyde on campus. **ACTION: Committee** members check if there is anyone that uses formaldehyde, and ask for thoughts on tightening up procedures.
- d) **Respirator deal for students with Brogan Safety** – For students only. Free fit testing and will come to campus to do it if a group of students require it.

- e) **Sock feet in physics lab** – Is a safety concern. Lab settings have always been closed-toed shoes. No sock feet in the lab.
- f) **F2F meetings: *Tabled for new year (2023)***
- g) **Inspections:** Document in Teams (Inspections folder) with details
- h) **Incident Report – Staff:** Thumb cut on paper towel dispenser. Slips from snow. Slipped and landed on side, repetitive strain injury, trips, dizziness.  
**Students:** Burns, needle poke, ice slips, collision while playing soccer.

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 2:08

**Next meeting:** December 16, 2022 @ 1pm