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

Held Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

**Attendees:**  
Logan Bale - DBMS - USW Local 2010  
Dan Langham - EH&S  
Monika Holzschuh - A&S - QUFA  
Yat Tse - DBMS - MGMT  
Sharon David - SRT - MGMT  
Christine Irving - FHS Ops - MGMT  
Allison Mackey - Nursing - MGMT  
Jacqueline Findlay - Medicine - MGMT  
Anne Biggar - CCTG - Non-union

**Minutes:**  
Tammy Henry - FHS Ops

**Co-Chairs:**  
John Singleton - Cancer Research Labs - MGMT  
Worker co-chair vacant

**Regrets:**  
Edwin Ocran - PSAC 901- unit 1 (TA’s/TF’s)  
Hamid Ghaedi - PSAC 901- unit 2

**Copy to:**  
Safety Officers, Faculty of Health Sciences  
Department Heads

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

1) **Approval of the Minutes of August 18, 2021**

Approved by J. Findlay correction M. Holzschuh replacing L. Pelland as QUFA rep.

2) **Other Business**

2.1 **Covid-19 update – D. Langham**

D. Langham reported that the government has given the university sector guidance. The most impactful item is that the capacity limits for instructional spaces were dropped. The document is posted online and includes other things such as masking, cleaning and ventilation. There is a document online in which the university defines instructional space. These include classrooms, labs and also spaces such as corridors around the teaching locations. Physical distancing and capacity limits still apply to
non instructional spaces at the university because they fall under the step 3 regulations. Environmental Health and Safety will be updating the guideline documents to align with the new sector guidance. This will be sent out to committees as well as posted on the website. Please ensure your department has the new signage that has recently been released. Masking guidelines that committees provided feedback for are now posted online. Committees also provided feedback on the continuity of education plans, which is also accessible now for reference on the return to campus webpage. This document links to the Queen's emergency management plan as they work together.

The university has a vaccination policy in place. All staff and faculty are required to do the declaration of their vaccination status. The university also has a process on how to handle vendors. Vendors need to attest that they will only send vaccinated individuals to campus. D. Langham stated that departments can ask a visitor to show their vaccination certificate.

Rapid tests are available for individuals who are partially vaccinated or have an accommodation.

2.2 Updates on Inspections
A few inspections have been completed. Five of which are recent and have been sent to safety officers to deal with any issues. J. Singleton will be reaching out to KGH and HDH in order to get hospital inspections done. J. Findlay said that she will arrange to have 18 and 20 Barrie inspected once a mutual time has been arranged with all those that need to be involved.

Recently it has been found that several safety officer contacts have changed. Environmental Health and Safety will reach out to departments to confirm who is currently in this position. It was reviewed that when there is a vacancy the department head appoints a person to the safety officer position.

2.3 FHS Updates – C. Irving
Elentra is no longer being used as the screening tool for FHS. Everyone on campus is now using the SeQure app. The next group of individuals that the university will be looking at as far as vaccine declaration goes are the volunteers.

C. Irving spoke about classroom/space and that we need to think about not only the space being used, but what you are doing within that space. It needs to be instructional or education. Therefore, you would still need to follow the limits as these are the provincial rules.
Masks are still required but FHS isn’t mandating medical grade masks, except for some clinical teaching activities.

Now that there are cases amongst the student population there have been a few questions regarding being a close contact. If someone is a close contact they are required to follow what public health has indicated. If a student discloses they have tested positive it is important that the staff member lets D. Langham know about this. Communication will be sent from the Environmental Health and Safety office as they are the only people responsible to communicate positive cases.

2.4 Vaccine declaration - all
Vaccine declaration of employees was discussed. Managers have access to this through an HR report, which shows the employees status as well as if they haven’t done their declaration yet. Christine added that if an employee shows up in the report and they are not permitted to be on campus, P. Evaristo from HR will reach out to individuals and managers to ensure that they are aware of this. The Dean will be provided a list of FHS student declarations today.

There was discussion on screening with the SeQure App. There was a question regarding who checks on students through SeQure App. D. Langham responded that the students living in residence use it diligently as they need to self screen in order to access the food facilities. It isn’t clear yet how it is used to access some other areas of the university.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

Minutes approved by:

Co-Chair J. Singleton

(Worker Co-Chair position is vacant)