

## Arts and Science Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes from Meeting May 27, 2021

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**Present:** P. Bass, J. Phillips, H. Drouillard (regrets), R. Jansen-van Vuuren, M. Knapp-Hermer (regrets), D. Langham, G. MacAllister (regrets), T. O'Reilly, K. Hoover, C. Bonta, M. Colby, M. Holzschuh-Sator

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order

9:05 AM

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2021

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

#### 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Update on Biosciences Dust and Cleaning (D. Langham): Were able to bring parties together and had done a ventilation purge and ventilation change. Will hopefully be resolved very soon. Will also be a cleanup and purge as far as items in the area as well. Follow up with completion upon our next meeting.

#### 5. Co-Chair's Reports

None

#### 6. Report from Director, Environmental Health and Safety

##### COVID-19 Updates

- a) A bit of uncertainty in regards to the reopening in the coming months. The provincial shut down is set to expire June 2. There is a Reopening roadmap, it is now a step-by step process versus the color-coded stages which are no longer in use. Step 1 begins June 12, lasts 21 days, then each step after is 21 days each as it progresses. The University is trying to coordinate this new roadmap in terms of opening and operations. The step by step process is more steered towards outdoors than indoors at the moment. Waiting for the regulations to determine our opening style.

- b) Planning for the fall will be discussed today during the town hall at noon hosted by the principal.
- c) Please send your questions and concerns in regards to reopening to [Campusrestart@queensu.ca](mailto:Campusrestart@queensu.ca). Don't be shy do add feedback and comments.
- d) Vaccinations raises a lot of questions. If you are eligible, please book your vaccine. Steps in reopening the government is determined on vaccination rates.
- e) Due to stay at home order expiring, we can continue the inspections as of June 2.
- f) Physical plant is reviewing ventilation systems – additional information will come out on that.

## 7. Inspection Schedule

- Response from Economics  
Making progress. Follow up in September
- Response from Art History  
Being resolved. Follow up in September

## 8. Other Business/Discussion Item

- a) Ladder Safety: A lot of cases of people bringing in ladders from home, which it must be appropriate workplace ladder. When doing inspections, keep an eye out for this. It is up to the departments to make their teams aware. The department has the discretion to determine who inspects the ladders twice a year and a log book/ tags.
- b) Screening, PPE, distancing: Nothing changes for now. Changes will depend on the step roadmap and what's within each step. Please continue to use the SecureAPP until instructed otherwise.

## 9. Next meeting: June 24, 2021

- 9:00 AM
- Microsoft Teams
- Adjourned: 9:47AM

DATE: May 31, 2021

Terry O'Reilly

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Co-Chair



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Heather Drouillard  
Co-Chair