Faculty of Health Sciences
Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC)
Minutes of Meeting
Held Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Attendees: Edwin Ocran  PSAC 901– unit 1 (TA’s/TF’s)
            Logan Bale    DBMS                USW
            Matthew Ratsep PSAC 901 – unit 2 (Post-Docs)
            Joan Tremblay  ACS                MGMT
            Anita Lister  DBMS                MGMT
            Sharon David  SORT               MGMT

Minutes: Allison Leverette FHS          Non-union

Co-Chairs: Laura Bark ACS              CUPE 254

Regrets: John Singleton Cancer Research Labs MGMT
         Anne Biggar     CCTG               Non-union
         Dan Langham    EH&S               MGMT
         Lindsay Lee    Nursing            MGMT

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         Department Heads

L. Bark (Co-Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

1. Approval of Agenda
   It was moved by A. Lister and seconded by L. Bale that the Agenda be approved as written.

2. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes of October 9, 2019 were approved by A. Lister and seconded by E. Ocran.

3. New Business
   3.1 Incident Reports
      a) CNS/Animal Care Services
         A worker was using a pole to guide a non-human primate back to its cage, when the animal deviated from normal path. The worker sustained a back injury from the over-strain to guide the animal back with the pole. The worker attended KGH for the injury and then returned to work with lighter duties, but with no lost time.

      b) CIMVHR
         An employee was setting up for an event and was walking back to the venue from their car when they became dizzy and lost consciousness. The employee awoke up with a scraped face and chipped tooth. The employee saw a dentist for the chipped tooth. They were off work for 6 working days.
c) Department of University Veterinarian and Compliance
A sedative was used on a non-human primate, which appeared to have set in. However, when the worker picked up the animal to move it, the animal was stimulated and bit the worker. The worker attended KGH for the injury, but had no lost time.

It is recognized that there have been more animal-related health & safety incidents in the last year, specifically with non-human primates, than in previous years.

4. Other Business
4.1 Garbage Bins at Botterell Hall – Ergonomic Assessment update
There is no update – D. Langham is not present.
A. Leverette will contact the EH&S office to re-schedule the Winter term FHS JH&SC meetings around D. Langham’s schedule – he is not available during the regularly scheduled meeting times.

4.2 Updates on Inspections/Other Business
It was noted that there is an absence of mirrors around the corners in Botterell Hall. Unions have been notified by some workers, specifically PSAC 901 – unit 1. There have been some close calls with run-ins around the corners, with a more serious incident occurring a couple of years ago. It is asked whether this matter is still being looked into by EH&S.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 (A319 Botterell Hall)

Minutes approved by:

Co-Chair J. Singleton
Co-Chair L. Bark