

**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF EARTH, OCEAN and ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES**

**EOAS/ESB LOCAL SAFETY TEAM
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 15th, 2020

Zoom Room

9:30am – 10:30am

Present: Roger Beckie (Chair), Kate Blackburn (Dean's Office), Anne-Martine Doucet (Graduate Student Representative), Denise Feighan (PIMS), Rich Friedman, Brian Hunt, Bethany Ladd, Mike LeBlanc, Kevin Lin (Data Science), Tim Morgan, Peggy Ng (Statistics), Kimberly Tietjen (Secretary)

Regrets: Marc Bustin

Action Items:

- **Meeting called to order: 9:30 AM**

Adoption of previous Safety Committee Meeting Minutes: N/A

Approved: N/A

Seconded: N/A

1. ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORTS:

- N/A

2. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- N/A

3. NEW BUSINESS

- Review of Laboratory & Office Safety Inspections
 - Identification of using RF and ML's experience as a training opportunity for the future
 - The JOHSC has no explicit guidelines on adding COVID-specific safety protocols and requirements to the lab inspections, but has encouraged us to go ahead.
 - The Head will need to send an email about scheduling the lab inspections.
 - RB recommended to send out the Office Inspection checklist to everybody and request that they submit it if they have been approved for on-going occupancy and have been using their office space since March.
- Field Safety Protocols & Training
 - Philippe suggested coordinating with other UBC departments and industry partners to share our safety protocols and request a copy of theirs. The goal is to assemble training and documentation materials, compare them to what we have, and come up with a new process for the department.
 - UBC Departments: Botany, Forestry, Geography, Geology, Zoology
 - Industry Partners: BGC, Lorax, Teck, Fisheries & Oceans Canada
 - BL recommended that the EOAS website be cleaned up to streamline safety protocols and procedures and to include equity & diversity, and to host the occasional safety seminar for training opportunities.

- A-MD noted that the risk a supervisor sees is very different from the risk a student sees, and wondered if the training cost would be covered by the PI's as they sometimes do not want to pay for it.
 - RB answered that the PI should definitely cover the safety trainings, and that a grant agency wouldn't ask for the safety part to be removed from a request. RB also noted that we have the right to refuse work if you feel unsafe. RB recommended that students communicate their concerns to the Grad Council and A-MD will then communicate those to the LST. A-MD to bring this up at the next Grad Council meeting.
- KB to look into clarifying the WSBC field safety first aid requirements and report back to the committee.
- KT to update the website with the current safety committee member names.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:42am

Next Safety Team Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 2020