

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

EOAS/ESB LOCAL SAFETY TEAM
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 14th, 2023
Zoom Room
1:00 pm – 2:00pm

Present: Raymond Andersen (Chair), Raul Benjamin Mendoza, Sebastian Medrano, Lindsay Nelson, Emma Liu (secretary)

Regrets: Kate Blackburn, Matthijs Smit, Brian Hunt

Action Items:

- **Meeting called to order:** 1:05 PM

Adoption of previous Safety Committee Meeting Minutes:

Approved: Sebastian Medrano

Seconded: Lindsay Nelson

1. ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORTS: N/A

2. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Review the documents that Sebastian and Lindsay submitted last meeting.
 - RA suggested to give another month for committee members to review the documents, and start to run the SOP for rock saw and rock crusher equipment, so that anyone who actually use the equipment can have feedback on the SOP. We will go through and approve the documents in the next meeting.
 - SM added that he has approached some expert users, like Joern Unger and Corey Wall.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss the possibility of the EOAS Safety Plan Reviewer from our committee also signing the Safety Plan along with Philippe. This was a request from Philippe.
 - PT would like to have the member who review the document to sign off the form, so he can have communication with the reviewer if he has any questions.
 - RA's only concern is the liability, as we only review it as the university's committee, and if there's any accident, are we liable on it? RA questioned if it would help if we put the reviewer's name on the cover page, so he can be aware of who has reviewed the document. SM seconded on the thought.
 - RA will follow up with PT on this issue, perhaps will talk to university's council on the liability issue.
 - LN added that it seems hard to get a straight answer on the liability issue. In the question of waivers, if it's course related field work, you can't get students to sign the waiver. RA commented that the reason for that is students have to be eligible for any compensation they have if they are in accidents.
 - RA will invite PT on our next meeting.
 - RM questioned if this is the committee's authority to edit who can sign off the form, LN explained that SRS has provided the template and each department can modify their own document.

Meeting Adjourned: 1: 24 pm

Next Safety Team Meeting: Tuesday, April 11th 2023 at 2:00 PM.