



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Science & School of Nursing Safety Committee (SHSC)
 Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Room S270
 Attendance Aug 2016-June 2017 (X=√ = present) (A = absent) (P = proxy rcd.)

Meeting Dates		8 25	9 28	10 26	11 30	12 28	1 26	3 2.	3 30	4 27	5	6.	Notes	
TBD	Math					M E E T I N G C A N C E L L E D								
Lettinga, Marten	CHAIR Chemistry	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Duggan, Bunny	recorder	A	X	X	A		X	X	X	X				
Fairman, Peter	Bio-Safety Officer	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Hammer, Trent	Chemistry	X	X	X	X		X	A	X	X				
Haytham ElMigli	Computing			X	X		X	X	P	A				
Heather Noyes	Respiratory	X	X	A	A		A	A	A	A				
Horton, Jane	UPrep	X	X	X	A		A	P	X	X				
Jyrkkanen, Stacey	Safety & EM	A	A	A	X		X	A	A	A				
Lucille Anderson	Biology	X	X	A	X		X	X	X	XX				
MacLellan, Dean	RESP			X	X		X	X	P	XX				
McKenzie, Wendy	Nursing	P	X	X	X		X	X	X	A				
Prescott, Walter	ARET	P	X	X	A		P	P	P	A				
Purdy, Susan	Biology	X	X	X	A		A	X	A	X				
Sorensen, Jacque	NRS	X	P	A	A		X	P	P	X				
Taylor, Colin	Physics	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	P				
Urban, Joanna	Micro	A	X	X	X		A	A	A	A				
Van Wagoner, Nancy	Geology	A	A	X	P		X	P	A	X				
Walczak, Sonia	AHT	X	P	X	P		X	X	P	P				
Knowles, Doug	UPrep	A							A	A				

1. Adoption of Agenda

APPROVED AND ADOPTED: Peter Fairman

SECOND: Susan Purdy

Changes to agenda: None

2. Review of Minutes from March 30, 2017 Meeting

ACCEPTED: Trent Hammer

SECOND: Marten Lettinga

Item C OTHER Reword: Human placenta was discovered etc.

Item A (e) change last sentence to read “will put up a sign concerning pace-makers

3. Old Business

(a) Microbiology Lab – Biohazardous Waste (Peter/Stacey)

ACTION: Peter Fairman to educate and coordinate between facilities, and custodial staff, the proper tagging, recognition (orange bags) and disposal of biohazardous waste from Ken Lepin Labs.

(b) Door Lock Down/Privacy (Stacey)

Much discussion and concern was raised regarding the new door lock and privacy windows for the Ken Lepin Building. SHSC member would like the NMR room window frosting removed.

The frosted windows eliminate visibility from the hallway into spaces used for teaching (lectures and labs) and research that are used both during formal classroom time and after hours when students may be working alone, in small groups, or one-on-one with a faculty member. Concerns regarding the frosted windows include, 1) increased risk of theft and damage because the activity can be carried out without the risk being seen, 2) increased potential for assault by creating a “private space” within a public building, 3) the potential for accusations of sexual misconduct, etc., if faculty members are working alone with students behind closed doors, 4) in the event of an accident, inability to see in to determine any risk to responders, and 5) increased difficulty of security to patrol the area because they cannot see into the classrooms without unlocking and entering and in that way also announcing their entry. Security can’t see if they do a walk through unless they unlock every door.

Peter Fairman from SEM is currently reviewing updates and looking for areas to correct.

The frosted windows may be helpful during an active shooter attack, but if students and faculty are held hostage in the classroom, those attempting to resolve the issue will not be able to view the situation and use this information to determine the best way to help. In addition, if you are inside a room with blacked out windows there are concerns as you would not be able to see the shooter approaching.

Some committee members felt that locks on the inside of the doors work well. Although, if a student is working alone in the space and has an accident or health issue, quick response is more difficult and delayed without access to a key.

ACTION: Peter Fairman to discuss committee concerns issues of door locks and frosted windows with Stacey Jyrkkanen and possible alternatives, if they are available.

4. New Business

A. Incidents (Peter F.)

- a. A nursing student in a clinical practicum at the hospital was performing CPR on a patient. During a compression, a bone from the patients chest broke through their skin and punctured the student. Bare hands are normally used to do compression during CPR so gloves are not necessary. Nursing representative for SHSC was not available to comment.
- b. A student in the Health Care Aid Program was helping a client with pericare, the patient “fell”, and the student caught the client and strained their back. The patient was very heavy. Student was sent home ibuprofen was prescribed and to see their doctor. SEM member read from the report that in future students should not catch the clients, this was the suggested protocol. Discussion was held on reasons why it was felt “not catching a patient” was not the action to be taken, but perhaps a team of students, lifts etc. Nursing representative for SHSC was not available to comment.

ACTION: Peter to discuss issue with nursing SHSC member.

- c. Glass beaker broke in a lab and first aid procedures were followed, salt water was in the beaker and student was aware of this. All proper procedures were followed for this injury. Peter Fairman from SEM has concerns about and would like to remind everyone that chipped glass compromises integrity of the equipment, and to please eliminate chipped and defective glass lab equipment. It should be regularly inspected and any compromised glass is to be thrown out. Include all beakers. First aid procedures were handled well, the only issue is the integrity of glassware.

ACTION: Peter to find out if first aid should be called if there is any blood present, regardless of the wound. As far as Peter knows, in the event of any injury and blood, first aid should be called, Peter to confirm at next meeting.

B. Chair Position (Marten)

Marten stepping down as chair of SHSC after next meeting, contemplate if you would like to chair this Committee. The request will go to the next Faculty Council Meeting to be held May 18, 2017 along with nominations.

ACTION: Marten to contact Dean’s Assistant to add vacant Chair position for the SHSC.

C. Other

Eye wash stations being replaced in Ken Lepin bldg S269 station has been replaced and it is a very nice system. As many as possible are going to be changed, but slowly, one at a time.

A item was brought up by SHSC member that the fume hood in S371 is running 24/7 and cannot be switched off. It is very noisy and cannot be turned off. It is recommended that facilities be called and request to install an on/off switch.

ACTION: Lucille Anderson will email facilities help desk and request a switch.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Next Meeting Thursday , May 25th, S270 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Room S270