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	<p><b>Action Item:</b> M. Yasumatsu will follow up on training opportunities with HRDO re: would like to see the addition of anti-racism and unconscious bias training for this committee.</p> <p>An initial session took place today - Will continue to look for other opportunities to further talk about anti-racism and additional training for this committee.</p> <p><b>*Action Item: Safety Heroes</b> - Look at possible avenues/ criteria for nomination and celebration of Safety Heroes, to be added to the UW Safety website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Represents evidence of positive safety behavior. Desire to highlight and commend such activity. Participation in the Safety and Health Program and can involve a variety of things.</li> <li>• This quarter saw 3 employees highlighted: Himel Parekh (Axworthy Health and Recplex), Mike Bisson (Facilities), and Kacey Fields (Anthropology) were highlighted as this quarter's safety heroes.</li> <li>• If anyone would like to arrange for a risk assessment for your work place, please call or email the office at <a href="mailto:safety@uwinnipeg.ca">safety@uwinnipeg.ca</a>; a team member will schedule an appointment with you.</li> <li>• Desire to promote this through Communications Bulletins, with consideration of consent from heroes, while maintaining the confidentiality of those being assisted.</li> <li>• The above heroes have already provided their consent.</li> <li>• <b>Q:</b> Appropriate/ viable frequency: weekly? Monthly?</li> <li>• <b>A&amp;Q:</b> Perhaps quarterly or twice per term? What is reasonable re: work load?</li> <li>• <b>A:</b> Perhaps these could be collected to build up an inventory. K Smith will then work with communications to share bi-weekly, perhaps. Might include safety tips, heroes, or other program elements. The committee, in addition to the Safety office, is capable of supporting this initiative – work together to build this “repertoire”. Important that it is sustainable. Do not want to see this dissipate after a month or two. Hope to see it gain momentum.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Karolya V offered to share ratified UWSA Vaccination Policy (post June 30<sup>th</sup>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UWSA mandate was generously shared by KV for our information. In August, UW initiated our own mandate.</li> <li>• UWSA will advise of new rep when they hire new COO.</li> </ul>	<p>Marni Yasumatsu</p> <p>Kevin Smith/ Safety Office</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Submit Safety Heroes from last two quarters to Communications Bulletin (Safety Office)</p> <p><b>Action item:</b> Review progress of this initiative at next quarter. (Kevin Smith/Safety Office)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Complete</p>
<p><b>E. Reports</b></p>	<p><b>1. WSH Program Report (Kevin S)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccine Clinic on Campus was supported by more than 30 volunteers from different parts of campus. 17 vaccinations were provided.</li> <li>• More than 60 scheduled risk assessments conducted by Safety Office Staff; additional assessments were conducted on the fly.</li> <li>• Mask Mandate generating questions about consistency; seeing fewer expressions of concern/ complaints. Safety Office staff observing trend.</li> <li>• Respirator Fit Testing - 2 workers fit tested</li> <li>• Transport Canada inspected UWinnipeg TDG operations on 2021-07-28 and found no instances of non-compliance.</li> <li>• Training: a variety of training has been offered across sectors, including: Ladder Safety; Stop the Bleed training sessions; Lab Safety; Emergency First Aid; Standard First Aid. Pending requests have been submitted to the Safety Office for First Aid Training.</li> <li>• <b>Q:</b> When is appropriate for Safety training in person/ on campus to resume for First Aid and De-Escalating Potentially Violent Situations?</li> </ul>		

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	<p>drops. Cost was prohibitive but we have installed a number of them; they are not used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incident Report illustrates the call-out, not the actual number of sharps discovered on that call. There may be multiple needles attached to each call. Volumes can be quite high (upwards of 40-80).</li> <li><b>Q:</b> The areas now occupied by the Asper Theatre has felt rough over the years; that has diminished. With our general absence from campus over the last year, have incident numbers gone down? Do we expect a rising trend with return to campus? Seems like we are seeing an increase in undesirable activity around the Asper Theatre again.</li> <li><b>A:</b> Presence of people is a factor here. With some exceptions, we are likely to feel safer with increased presence on campus.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Fire Report - (Kevin S)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 incidents – related to community members. Last quarter saw a dumpster fire in the loading bay.</li> <li>2 False alarms – set off by excessive dust.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Security Report (Wade C/ Marni Y)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific updates. Return to campus is going well so far.</li> <li><b>Q:</b> would like to know what the committee would like to see in the security report.</li> <li><b>A:</b> Unwanted person incidents</li> <li><b>Q:</b> Should bars on windows be considered? RCFE has experienced vandalism in the form of broken windows a few times. Is this a blind spot for security?</li> <li><b>A:</b> Seeing a tremendous amount of glass breakage. Security is now increased on campus, in an effort to deter this activity. Looking at the feasibility of some solutions e.g. Hammer Glass: Indestructible glass; twice the cost but with the potential to be beneficial.</li> <li>When security goes on patrol, need to consider the lack of presence at that desk (RCFE).</li> <li><b>Q:</b> Historically what has been included in the security report?</li> <li><b>A:</b> have generally been quite brief in recent history. Previously, Marty Grainger provided detailed reports similar to the current incident report.</li> <li>This would be of value. Some fairly granular reporting would be useful for staff and students so that we understand what degree of vigilance might be required.</li> <li>The Office of Institutional Analysis also assisted at one time by providing heat maps and analysis – might be good to reengage with them on this. Kyle happy to discuss with Wade.</li> <li>Safety and Security go hand in hand. Good to have proactive measures in place such as “Safe Walk”. Would be good to track this and other trends. This is one of the purposes of Safety and Health</li> <li>It would be helpful to hear how programs like Safe Walk/ Ride are operating. How many user etc. Similarly, if there is information available through the UW Safe app – that would be helpful.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Inspection Report (Doug B)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme was return to campus. Not much has changed since last quarter. McFeetors Hall was added, as suggested. HL: Meghan Pesclovitch from the Collegiate Office participated (on the fly) in the safety inspection of Wesley and Leatherdale Halls, and received a safety orientation at the same time.</li> <li>Thanks to those who were able to participate – encourage you to participate next time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action item:</b> Marni Y to communicate to Wade, the committee's suggestions re: what to include in the Security report.</p>	
<p><b>F. Subcommittee Reports</b></p>	<p><b>1. Biosafety Committee Report (Melanie G)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did not meet this last quarter – meets next week.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Science Lab Safety Committee Report</b></p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students coming back to do inspections of the eye wash and drench shower stations.</li> <li>• Lab risk assessments are ongoing. Encouraging people to do these. Can be done for all labs but mandatory for certain labs that meet a specific definition.</li> <li>• Developing an iAuditor working group to mitigate issues we are experiencing with the system. Hope to increase willingness to use.</li> <li>• Have reduced the number of iAuditor licenses due to inactivity - down to 25 from 40. Working on the Lab Inspection template. More to come next quarter.</li> </ul>		
<b>G. Safety Heroes</b>	*See above discussion under Agenda Item D.	Safety Office	Ongoing
<b>H. New Business</b>	<p><b>Return to Campus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed a plan based on the guidelines from Public Health, who advised restrictions would be lifted on gatherings and capacities. Vaccine uptake was a critical factor; have seen good uptake over the summer.</li> <li>• In June, a Vaccine Mandate didn't seem likely but that changed. Things are changing/ evolving quickly, we are trying to be as responsive as we can to address these issues.</li> <li>• The Province lifted their mask mandate in August, and as a result, UW implemented our own mask mandate on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Since then, Public Health has reinstated mask requirements.</li> <li>• Aug 19<sup>th</sup> saw UW issue a Vaccine Mandate. Vaccine verification process is underway. Rather than every-time-proof, a one-time verification was decided to be best (ID card with sticker) as this requires no storing of personal health information.</li> <li>• For partially vaccinated individuals or fully vaccinated individuals without proof, a self-declaration process was created. Temporary access granted with proof to be provided by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Will then be issued the full access sticker.</li> <li>• Many people across many areas are working hard to support/ implement these initiatives.</li> <li>• <b>Q:</b> is there anything you feel needs attention?</li> <li>• <b>Q:</b> Receiving inconsistent messaging from a variety of areas/ departments regarding holding in-person meetings &amp; student orientations. Are they permitted?</li> <li>• <b>A:</b> If following guidelines and the masking mandate, would think this would be permitted.</li> <li>• Academic Scheduling and Events appear to be providing different answers when booking rooms.</li> <li>• Trying to create a matrix/ document to guide this, via the ORT Committee.</li> <li>• Important to be mindful that some may not be comfortable with in-person meetings. Different factors to be considered. Need for consistency in what is and isn't allowed.</li> <li>• Discussion in ORT re: scheduling is very much about capacity. Still recommend social distancing. Large number of variation in the types off meetings: who is invited/ how they are set up/is food served? Many variables may make these decisions look inconsistent.</li> <li>• Fewer points of contact we have, reduces the risk of contraction.</li> <li>• <b>Q:</b> re: Vaccine Exceptions – the FAQ directs students to a form and accessibility services. Feeling pressure to change how courses are delivered. Is accommodation expected in some informal way? May be confusion around that process, for students who have a legitimate or medical reason for exemptions. Significant inconsistency around how students seeking exemptions are begin managed. Several students are seeking these exemptions.</li> <li>• <b>A:</b> Accessibility Services are directing students to ask if there is another option. We do want the students to ask because in some cases there is an alternative or substitutable course within the department,</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Item:</b> Marni Y to clarify status/ details of holding in-person meetings/ student orientations vs. events on campus.</p>	

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	<p>but not always. Understandable that this may be tiresome for some departments, apologies for this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested that some better scripting may be helpful here.</li> <li>• <b>Q:</b> International Students – are we distinguishing between vaccine types?</li> <li>• Student Recruitment has indicated that the World Health Org accepted vaccines is our benchmark; MB is not recognizing all of them. Income cases this has led to students getting additional (up to 4) shots. Are we recommending this? Is MB Public Health recommending this? Need to be careful about our guidance to students.</li> <li>• <b>A:</b> Can't confirm what we are recommending.</li> <li>• Need to talk about what we are doing for students in residence. Will have late arrivals that will not make the Oct 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Several barriers/ challenges will make enforcement of this challenging.</li> <li>• Distinctions for that community need to be considered: Eviction? Rapid testing for non-vaccinated?</li> <li>• <b>Q:</b> on behalf of Student Senate Appeals Committee – if students are registered in in-person classes, and are not vaccinated by Oct 15th, will they be unenrolled? May lead to increase in appeals.</li> <li>• <b>A:</b> Not as of yet. In conversation with Registrar, Academic Advisors, and any Student Services staff interacting with students. Need for more conversation on this. Mandate came in after they registered. Willing to work with people who are delayed in receiving 2nd doses or getting proof. Oct 15th date may be revised.</li> <li>• <b>Q:</b> How were students permitted to enter the MB/ Canada with unapproved vaccines?</li> <li>• <b>A:</b> Some have entered unvaccinated. May not have been eligible in their home country or may have been minors – both permitted to enter MB. To avoid quarantine, had to have one of the 4 approved vaccines. If had a student / study visa, were permitted to enter as long as they had a qualified quarantine plan and plan to get vaccinated while here.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action Item:</b> Marni Y to follow up with ORT on logistics re: unvaccinated students and October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.</p>	
<b>I. Next Meeting</b>	December 10, 2021		
<b>J. Adjournment</b>	Moved to adjourn at 2:11 p.m.	<b>Motion by:</b> Melanie Gregg. <b>Seconded by:</b> Kyle Macdonald.	Approved

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