PENTICTON CAMPUS JOINT HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, April 16, 2008

In attendance: Catherine Williams  Ed Benoit
Jackie Dewar-Pine  Donna Lomas
Kaya Forest  Linda Bjerrisgaard
Linda Kirbyson  Sharon Mansiere
Nancy Darling  Nancy Noble-Hearle
Surandar Dasanjh

Regrets: Sandra Mendoza

1. Approval of minutes from February 20, 2008, as distributed via email.
   Motion: Kaya Forest/Sharon Mansiere

2. OLD BUSINESS
   a. New faculty members to join the committee: Cathy Riches and Laura Loewen
      responded to Kaya’s email regarding the recruitment of new faculty members. It was
      agreed that Kaya will invite them both to the next safety meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS
   a. An election for committee chair and co-chair: Ed Benoit and Surandar Dasanjh will
      be the Co-Chairs for the Health and Safety Committee.
   b. New first aid attendants: Dan Chetner, Wayne Wood, Marilyn Ordze and Amanda
      Nichvalodoff responded to Jackie Dewar-Pine regarding the recruitment of new first
      aid attendants. Catherine Williams will follow up with Dan, Wayne and Marilyn.
      Unfortunately, Amanda has since resigned from the Okanagan College.
   c. Signs for the park area in front of the Penticton Campus parking lot: Donna Lomas
      suggested that we need signs regarding people cleaning up after their dogs. To
      encourage this, we should place containers with garbage bags by the park area.
      These containers should have OC emblems on them. Catherine Williams will speak
      with Graham Kershaw, Manager, Property and Services.
   d. As per Donna Lomas signs are needed to be posted for “No motorized vehicles
      allowed on grass”. Parents are letting children ride their motorized vehicles in the
      park area. This is destroying the grass. Okanagan College is also responsible if ever
      there is an accident because this is OC property. A sign posted on both directions, at
      the end of Tinney Street and by the park area should clearly state that the park is
      Okanagan College property. Catherine Williams will take this matter to Graham
      Kershaw.
   e. Frances Greenslade’s email regarding cleaning products sensitivity. Francie had
      reactions to the white board cleaner. It leaves a strong residual smell in the
      classroom. Donna Lomas stressed how the cleaning products affected several staff
      members. These may not even be safe for the custodians. Catherine will raise this
      issue with Graham, and she is sure that Graham is aware of this already. Since
      cleaning products were being revisited, Sharon Mansiere suggested that perhaps
      those that are “environment friendly” should be looked into. A suggestion for use of
      vinegar and water was made.
f. Nancy Darling brought up the safety concern for the Residential Construction class in conjunction with the First Nations Program currently running in Cawston. At the First Nation Band’s request, the class is held in an Orchard shed with very rustic conditions. Nancy brought up her safety concerns since there is no running water nor washroom facilities (other than a portable toilet). In addition the room is heated by wood heat. The shed has been cleaned up and brought up to a standard that pleases the band but is not typical of standards for Okanagan College classrooms. There is concern for health and hygiene of the students and the teacher. There is a first aid attendant, a first aid kit and hand wipes have been provided for the students. Catherine will visit the site in the next week. Nancy Darling will look into installing a water cooler.

g. Sharon Mansiere was concerned about the yellow tape outside her office. It was noted that roots are being identified and Graham is working on that project.

4. **FIRST AID REPORT**: There were not first aid reports

5. **NEXT MEETING**: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 21st, 2008 at 2pm in the Boardroom.