

MINUTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
- SAFETY, SECURITY, AND FIRE PREVENTION -
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1985 AT 10:30 A.M.
IN THE U.B.C. BOARD AND SENATE ROOM

Present:

Chairman: R.A. Grant
Secretary: E.A. Lebitschnig (A.U.C.E., Local 1)

Present:

T. Derouin (I.U.O.E., Local 882)	D. Napier (C.U.P.E., Local 116)
J.B. Farmer	O. Rumen
M. Flores	G. Sloan (C.U.P.E., Local 116)
T. Herbert	M. Vorvis (A.U.C.E., Local 1)
D.G. Harper (C.U.P.E. Local 2278)	

Regrets:

H. Bless	E. de Bruijn
Assistant Chief S. Affleck	D. Haller
R.L. Henkelman (C.U.P.E., Local 116)	J. Bremner
J.R. Gregg	L. McManus
W. Rachuk	K. Shaw (A.U.C.E., Local 1)
D. Slavens	R.D. Wild

Guest:

O. Knezevic (W.C.B.)	A. Hunter (Purchasing Department)
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Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. D. Napier moved, seconded by Mr. G. Sloan, that the Minutes of the April meeting be adopted. The motion was passed.

Mr. Grant informed the Committee that Dr. Wayne Greene has accepted the position of Director of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee effective July, 1, 1985. Dr. Greene will be located in the President's Office on the second floor.

A. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1. Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Ann Hunter from the Purchasing Department gave the Committee an indepth study of the problems on campus with the new government regulations coming into effect July 1, 1985. Submitted to the Committee were memos of February 28, 1985 and March 12, 1985.

The Committee discussed the problems and what were the solutions as these new regulations cannot be taken lightly. Some of the following topics were discussed:

What has to be done by July 1:

- Study of regulations and how they pertain to the University
- Training of key personnel
- Placarding of vehicles
- Communications between departments involved with chemicals etc., such as Purchasing, Physical Plant, Dispatch etc.

Some of the departments involved:

- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical Waste Disposal
- Metallurgical Engineering
- Radiation Protection
- Pollution Control
- Faculty of Medicine

Points that were made:

- there has been no training for the people handling dangerous goods.
- the effective date of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods would be fully into effect July 1, 1985.
- there is training available for people involved and this could be done on campus by John French.

The Committee appreciated Ann Hunter taking the time to come to our meeting to present the research work and we would like to say a job well done. At this time Miss Hunter left the meeting.

Recommendation of the Committee:

1. That the University take immediate action to implement the proposed procedure in the March 12 memo of Ann V. Hunter, Customs/Office Manager, Purchasing Services: "Proposed Procedure to Comply with Government Regulations Respecting the Handling, Offering for Transport and Transporting of Dangerous Goods."
2. That immediate action be taken by the University to comply with the government regulations effective July 1st in ensuring that the proper training to core personnel is implemented before that date. Also that all other aspects of these regulations be implemented as soon as possible.

This motion was moved by D. Napier, seconded by D.G. Harper and passed unanimously.

3. Lasserre Update

It was suggested that a sign be hung in the parkade entrance which indicates vehicle height allowed.

Physical Plant is reviewing the height sign and the provision of garbage bins for Lasserre.

4. Safety Shoes

T. Herbert said he would look at dress code policies.

Mr. Knezevic (W.C.B.) provided guidelines for footwear for information. He made a comment that steel toed running shoes were unacceptable.

B. New Business

1. Hazard Signs

Placards indicating the dangerous chemicals etc. in labs, exhaust fumes from the roofs etc. are not being posted. It was suggested that the NFPA Chemical Hazard Labels be used. It was pointed out that they had been used before and unless you had a code book most lay personnel could not understand the signs or numbers indicated. It was recommended that the University stick with the signs they are now using and it should be stressed to the University community to use these signs. It was also recommended that the Committee look back to 1979 when the new signs were implemented and see if maybe the policy should be changed.

At this time the Committee recommended:

That the signs be used and should be communicated to the departments

The Area Committee on Health and Safety should inspect the posted signs to ensure compliance.

That the signs put up have the correct contact information available.

Operations and Maintenance - someone should be responsible to ensure that people are informed and reminded of the importance of the signs for the protection of those who have to enter a possible unsafe area.

2. Accident & Industrial Report

Mr. Herbert distributed the figures updated to the end of April. He pointed out that Food Services still had the highest in wage loss by employee but the Committee felt this was due to hygiene in this area.

Mr. Grant informed the Committee that the June meeting would have to be held in the Buchanan Penthouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 noon.

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June 7, 1985