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# SUSTAINABLE LABS WORKING GROUP

March 31, 2016 2:00-3:30 pm, 3610 McTavish, Suite 430

## MINUTES

### 1. Review agenda and notes from past meeting

- The agenda is approved.
- The notes from the last meeting are approved.
- Stephanie briefly presents the Asset Management project.
- Jerome Conraud briefed the group on the first conference dinner event which occurred on March 30th - Sustainable Labs Canada (SLCan/LÉCan). Wayne Wood presented the updated standard CSA Z316.5-15 entitled "Fume Hoods and Associated Exhaust Systems". Presentation is available here: <http://slcan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/CSA-Z316-5-05-for-CanSLA.pdf>

### 2. Business arising

#### a. Working group reports

##### i. Sustainable labs in EHS checklist/guide for (new) researchers

- Some members of the working group met last week to propose a new version of the Sustainable labs in EHS checklist/guide. A draft version of the guide will be circulated to ULSC members for review and comments.

Comments on the checklist/guide:

- It is suggested to replace "new researcher" by "researcher"
- Pictures should be added to the document.
- The document should be shortened by providing hyperlink.
- Francois proposes that a MOOS intern could format and design the final version of the document.
- If anyone has any comments, they should send them by April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **ii. Student training in sustainable lab management**

- The SPF proposal related to sustainable labs didn't progress since last meeting. Patrick Julien is to contact Wayne Wood for a follow-up.

## **iii. Lab waste management**

- Stephanie Leclerc presented the strategies and issues of waste collection at McGill, as well as the progress on the new BFI contract. It appears that Building Services does not have a full picture of the different external players involved in waste and recycling collection, so this needs to be addressed before we implement a new recycling procedure for laboratories. There might be some areas where we can create small pilot projects in order to do some progress towards sustainability in laboratories. One example would be the sterile plastic wrapping from the faculty of dentistry.

## **3. New business**

### **a. MyCourses presentation (Adam)**

- Adam Finkelstein presented the MyCourses platform to the group. He invites people who would like to know more about MyCourses to contact Teaching and Learning Services

## **4. Other business**

- Farewell to Wayne, who is going on a six months' biking adventure!
- Christian Bouchard is to replace Wayne Wood as interim chair of the SLWG until November 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.