

BIOSECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE

Mandate

Biosecurity measures are implemented to prevent the theft, misuse and intentional release of pathogens. The Biosecurity Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the University Biosafety Committee (UBSC) and makes recommendations to the UBSC on all matters related to biosecurity. The committee examines the biosecurity risk of agents used and recommends any necessary biosecurity measures to be taken, including the prohibition of agents. The committee will also ensure that The University of Western Ontario complies with all relevant government legislation and university guidelines; including Section 2.6 of the most current Health Canada Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines.

Terms of Reference

1. Perform risk assessment for The University of Western Ontario as required by relevant legislation and guidelines, including the current Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines. The committee will advise on biosecurity measures required as a result of the risk assessment.
2. To examine the biohazards used at The University of Western Ontario, determine the risk, and prescribe any biosecurity measures to be taken – including physical security, personnel accountability and agent accountability.
3. To prohibit any biosecurity risk agents deemed too high of a risk to the institution and prescribe measures to eliminate the storage, exportation, importation or use of these agents as determined by the Biohazards Subcommittee.
4. To consult government agencies and other experts as required.
5. To report biosecurity issues to the Biosafety Committee.

Membership

1. Voting

Associate Vice President (Research) - Chair
Director, Department of Animal Care and Veterinary Services (ex-officio) or designate
Two Biosafety Committee member(s) or designates appointed by Chair
Faculty/Staff Relations Consultant, Human Resources or designate appointed by Director, Staff Relations
Director, Campus Police (ex-officio) or designate
Emergency Response Coordinator (ex-officio) or designate

HAZMAT Team Leader or designate
Controlled Goods Program Designated Official

2. Non-voting

Biosafety officer (ex-officio) or designate

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