

**The University of Western Ontario
University Biosafety Committee Meeting
June 22, 2007
9 am – 11 am, SLB 330**

MINUTES

Present: G. Kidder (Chair), V. Smith, J. Stanley, G. Qubty, L. Hertel, G. Margaritas, J. Tucker, T. Rupar, N. Huner, G. Ryder, W. Lagerwerf, T. DeLangley, R. Noseworthy, T. Lockwood

Regrets: G. Thorn, T. MacFarlane, G. Kent, A. Watson, T. Dzialoszynski, G. Dekaban, S. Dhaubhadel, T. Hammoud, U. Trivedi, A. Salmoni, S. Damjanovski

1. Introductions (G. Kidder)

Self introductions

2. Approval of Minutes, March 6, 2007 (G. Kidder)

Motion: N. Huner G. Margaritas

All in favour

March 6, 2007 Minutes approved

3. Business Arising (G. Kidder)

3.1 Workwell Audit (V. Smith)

The auditors are working with the University to make sure all the recommendations have been completed to their satisfaction. They will be returning to the University to verify that all recommendations have been put in place.

3.2 Biotron Update (N. Huner)

Generic SOPs are being made for all modules of the building and they can be modified, as appropriate, when specific research is started. The contractor is still doing some testing before the University can officially take possession of the building. Contact with the CFIA has been made and, so far, approval from them for the different modules and Level 3 does not seem to be an issue.

3.3 Biohazard Subcommittee Update (G, Kidder, J. Stanley)

Only issue lately was Emerald Ash Borer project on campus but it was concluded that this was not an issue for the University because we are located within a quarantine zone.

4. New Business

4.1 Tri Council Schedule 3 (J. Stanley)

Changes that were suggested by the Committee were taken by the Council of Ontario Universities to the Government. Changes made to this document by the Government ensure that this will have a less significant impact on the research community. It is set to be released later this summer.

4.2 West Valley SOPs (T. DeLangley)

SOPs have been presented to the Animal Use Subcommittee and there were no content changes that they required. The Biosafety Committee requested changes of clarification regarding the movement of NHP and consistency in documentation about respirators versus masks. W. Lagerwerf will make all changes requested.

4.3 Other New Business

Roberts Integration: The Committee should be prepared to see new types of research but the impact on the Committee should be manageable.

Next meeting: October 4, 2007

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am