

**The University of Western Ontario
University Biosafety Committee Meeting**

Minutes of June 22, 2010

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Support Services Building, Room 4220

Present: Dr. G. Kidder; Dr. S. Damjanovski, Dr. G. Dekaban, Dr. P. Ferguson, Dr. S. Koval, Dr. J. McNeil, Dr. C. Pin, Dr. G. Qubty, Dr. T. Rupar, Dr. G. Thorn, J. McLachlan, C. Pape, G. Ryder, J. Tucker, J. Stanley, E. Gray (OH&S Intern)

Regrets: Dr. S. Barr, Dr. T. Dzialoszynski, Dr. A. Margaritis, Dr. S. Siu, A. Scott, J. O'Brien, T. Hammoud

1.0 Introductions & Approval of Agenda (G. Kidder)

Everyone introduced themselves. Agenda approved.

2.0 Approval of Minutes, February 23, 2010 (G. Kidder)

Motion: Dr. Thorn Dr. Damjanovski

Approved: Minutes approved as presented.

3.0 Business Arising (G. Kidder)

3.1 Biotron Update (J. McNeil)

The level 3 lab was approved yesterday. J. McNeill thanked the Physical Plant Department for getting it up and running.

3.1.1 Biotron Level 3 Update (G. Qubty, J. Stanley)

J. Stanley showed the committee pictures from the level 3 inspection. A few minor Standard Operating Procedures and physical plant changes need to be addressed for the certification.

3.2 Biohazards Subcommittee Update (G. Kidder)

The committee met 5 times since the last Biosafety committee meeting. Updates have been made to the Biohazardous Agents Registry Form; it will now be known as the Biological Agents Registry Form.

3.3 DSB Level 3 Update (J. Stanley)

Dr. Kidder informed the Committee that the current level 3 facility animal room's Biological Safety Cabinet failed its inspection. At the moment no one is doing animal work in a level 3 facility so this is not an urgent matter. G.

Qubty would like more details on why the Biological Safety Cabinet failed its certification.

4.0 New Business (G. Kidder)

4.1 2009 Annual Report for Biosafety (G. Kidder)

Dr. Kidder had some minor corrections that were given to Jennifer Stanley.

Vote to approve: Approved as posted.

4.2 Level 3 Supervisory Requirements (G. Kidder, S. Barr)

The Standard Operating Procedure states that in level 3 trainees can't work alone; they must always have to have a back up person with them who is qualified to work in the facility. Dr. Barr's problem is that he's the only one qualified. If something goes wrong while you're in the facility it would be really useful to have someone else there.

This should go back to biohazard subcommittee so wording can be changed to provide more flexibility. Senior graduate students could serve as a back-up role. We need to clarify what kind of training and experience the backup graduate student requires.

Vote to refer this back to the Biohazards Subcommittee.

Approved: All in favour.

4.3 Viral Vector Policy (G. Dekaban)

The policy has been changed to clarify how the nature of the transgene can influence the level of containment.

Motion: Dr. Rupar, Dr. Dekaban.

Approved: New version will be uploaded to the website.

4.4 Biosecurity Plan (G. Kidder)

The Biosecurity Subcommittee was abolished because it established its role. There has been a modification to the biosecurity plan.

Motion: Dr. Qubty Dr. McNeil

Approved: All in favour.

4.5 Update on Biosafety Program (J. Stanley)

4.5.1 Graphs

J. Stanley predicts 150 projects will be reviewed by the end of this year.

4.6 Biological Safety Cabinets (G. Kidder, J. Stanley)

Changes to document were made according to the Public Health Agency of Canada. An appendix was added which states proper use of the biological safety cabinets.

Motion: Dr. Damjanovsky Dr. Chidiac.

Approved: All in favour.

4.7 Terms of Reference – CPRI (G. Kidder)

CPRI is now part of LHRI; Dr. Rugar no longer needed on this committee.

CPRI member to be removed from the Terms of Reference.

Motion: Dr. Rugar Dr. Pin.

Approved: All in favour.

5. Other Business (G. Kidder)

The committee thanked Dr. Kidder for his service as chair for the last 5 years.

6. Next meeting: To be determined (October 2010)

7. Adjournment

Motion: J. McLachlan Dr. McNeil

Approved: Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.