



BIOSECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE
February 5, 2009
2:00 – 3:00 P.M., SSB 5161

MINUTES

1. Introductions

Present: G. Kidder, G. Thorn, G. Margaritis, M. Mics, T. Hammoud,
J. Stanley, S. May (guest).

2. Approval of minutes, June 10, 2008

Motion: G. Margaritis G. Thorn
Minutes Approved

3. Communication of Biosecurity Initiatives

We would like to use Western News to inform the community about Bill C-54 and that we have a biosecurity plan and a subcommittee who addresses these issues on campus. The revised biosecurity plan and requirements will be taken to the Biosafety Committee. This will be the reason / trigger for the story.

4. Bill C-54

J. Stanley updated the Subcommittee on discussions with the Public Health Agency of Canada. Notable updates on policy include the removal of security clearances for Risk Group 2 Labs and inventories available only on request. Level 3 visitors would unlikely need security clearances.

Level 3 users can get security clearances from Michael Mics in Campus Police Services. In ACVS, 5 years of consistent performance reviews with no biosecurity issues can put an employee in good standing, even if there is a history / event of concern.

5. Kim Protocol

J. Stanley will get more info regarding LD₅₀, the disposal method and the US Select Agent regulating requirements. The goal is to dispose of all

the toxin after the experiment is over (no storage / leftover toxin). Once the information is known, it will be sent to the Committee for final approval by e-mail.

6. Other Business

No other business.

7. Adjournment at 3:05 p.m.

Motion: G. Margaritis G. Thorn
All in favour.