



Laboratory Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes of Friday, February 17th, 2012

10:30 – 12:00 PM, SSB 4220

Present: K. Baines, K. Galil, R. Maslen, A.M. McCusker, J. Millar, S. Mittler, J. O'Brien, S. Salisbury, J. Stanley, B. Thai, J. Whitty

Regrets: J. Dickey, R. Sharma

Recorder: S. Xhiku

1.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve: S. Salisbury

Seconded by: K. Galil

Agenda Approved.

2.0 Approval of October 28, 2011 Minutes

Motion to Approve: R. Maslen

Seconded by: S. Salisbury

Minutes Approved.

3.0 Membership Changes

Boun Thai is new UWOSA representative, replacing Jackie Sparks.

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Lab Safety Inspections

4.1.1 Inspections 2011

Noncompliance decreased for Schulich, increased for Engineering and Science. The overall compliance compared to 2010 was worse in 2011. The compliance categories were changed to include "Requires Improvement" for minor issues. All corrective actions have been completed for 2011.

4.2 Program Improvements

4.2.1 Inspections 2012

Surface Science Western was inspected in 2011 and resulted in 50% noncompliance and 10% needs improvement. During the inspection this year all non-compliance violations were corrected at the time of inspection. The next inspections will be in Engineering. The new program was discussed with the Dean of Engineering and he is supporting the changes. Once violations have been indentified, the PIs and the inspector will arrange a date to follow-up on the corrective actions, usually a week from the inspection. The 2012 inspections will aim to resolve any issues immediately whenever possible.

5.0 Other Business

5.1 Liquid Nitrogen Update

If the elevator is large enough to carry a litre then the cryogenic liquid can be transferred via the elevator by a person. The process is being phased in as signs are being installed on the necessary elevator.

5.0 Adjournment

Motion to move: S. Mittler

Seconded by: K. Galil

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.