

# ENVIRONMENTAL & LABORATORY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Present:** G. Barbe, P. Charpentier, K. Galil, K. Griffiths, G. Kidder, R. Maslen, J. McMullin, A.M. McCusker, J. Stanley, S. Warnock

**Regrets:** G. Qubty, V. Smith

**Guests:** R. Hudson, E. Lecompte, M. Stillman

1.0 Approval of July 13<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion to approve by J. McMullin. Second by R. Maslen. All in favour. Minutes approved.

2.0 G. Kidder welcomed new members P. Charpentier and K. Galil to the committee. J. McMullin will find a SOGS representative from Social Science.

3.1 E. Lecompte gave information regarding windows in doors having a clear line of sight at all times.

M. Stillman detailed his safety and security reasons for covering windows in labs.

R. Hudson detailed concerns of the Chemistry department and reasons for covering windows in labs.

Discussion followed.

G. Kidder suggested raising this issue with the University Health and Safety Committee. Motion by J. McMullin. Second by P. Charpentier. All in favour.

3.2 J. Stanley provided email from D. Peat from HEPA filter services. HEPA has not yet had to develop technique for changing the filters in biosafety cabinets used for nanomaterials.

It was suggested that we develop a registry of nanoparticles and other nanomaterials being used and techniques used and recommendations for each to ensure consistent recommendations.

A.M. McCusker will draft a letter of recommendations to send to researchers.

3.3 A.M. McCusker gave statistics on the number of inspections and the number of findings in the labs. Inspections at Robarts will be starting in November

A.M. McCusker reported on the progress of the Chemistry Risk Management Plan.

Motion to adjourn by K. Galil. Second by G. Barbe. All in favour.  
Adjourned.