

Environment/Laboratory Safety Committee Meeting
Friday February 15th, 2008

Present: G. Barbe, P. Charpentier, K. Galil, G. Kidder, R. Maslen, A.M. McCusker, G. Qubty, V. Smith, J. Stanley, S. Warnock

Regrets: K. Griffiths, J. McMullin, K. Baines

Guests: E. Austen

- 1.0 Approval of October 11th minutes. Motion to approve by G. Barbe. Second by P. Chapentier. All in favour. Minutes approved.
- 2.1 K. Baines from Chemistry will replace P. Ossenkopp as the departmental chair on the committee.
- 2.2 J. McMullin volunteered to find a SOGS member for the committee.
- 3.1 E. Austen of Campus Police provided information regarding the issue of windows in Laboratory doors. Windows are put into lab doors to allow a clear view of what is going on in the lab and so that help can be given if needed. The lab manual will not change. Other initiatives will be introduced to address security.
- 3.2 A.M. McCusker distributed a review of what was discussed in the last year with Nanotechnology and informed the committee that she would be attending a conference in May with a focus on Nanotechnology which she will report on at the next meeting.

Nanotechnology registry deferred until the next meeting.

- 3.3 A.M. McCusker gave statistics on the percent compliance and the inspection findings for the last three inspection cycles.

A.M. McCusker reported on the progress of the Chemistry Risk Management Plan. The documentation is being prepared by the Chemistry Department. The inspection process will begin in March.

Other Business

- 4.0 G. Kidder updated the committee on new regulations in the Substance Notification Registry put forward by Environment Canada and Health Canada. These new regulations may require all new nanomaterials created during reactions to be registered as a new substance.
- 5.0 G. Kidder reminded the committee of the President's Safety Banquet being held in April. Nominations are being accepted until the March 26th.

6.0 G. Kidder informed the committee that Dr. Sydney Siu will taking over some of the responsibilities from Workplace Health and will be acting as a member of the Biosafety committees and will be a good consultant for Nanotechnology issues.

Motion to adjourn by P. Charpentier. Second by R. Maslen. All in favour.
Adjourned.