

Environment/Laboratory Safety Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 24, 2008

**Present:** A. Acott, G. Baines, G. Barbe, A. Belisle, P. Charpentier, K. Galil, K. Griffiths, G. Kidder, R. Maslen, J. McMullin, A.M. McCusker, G. Qubty, V. Smith, J. Stanley

- 1.0 Approval of Agenda. A.M McCusker to circulate minutes from nanotechnology meeting in April.
- 2.1 Approval of February 15<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion to approve by R. Maslen. Seconded by P. Charpentier. All in favour. Minutes approved.
- 3.1 V. Smith explained the addition of paragraph seven to the Terms of Reference. This paragraph addresses that the Environmental and Laboratory Safety Committee does not have authority over budgets. Recommendations that have cost implications to university capital or operational budgets will be forwarded to the University Health and Safety Committee for further consideration. Motion to approve the changes by P. Charpentier. Seconded by K. Baines. All in favour. Changes approved.
- 3.2 A.M. McCusker explained changes to section 10.5.3 of the Laboratory Safety Manual regarding skin protection. Motion to approve changes by J. McMullin. Seconded by P. Charpentier. All in favour. Changes approved.
- 3.3 G. Kidder discussed the requirements of Schedule 13, what Western has already in place to be in compliance, and the repercussions of non-compliance. This applies to any laboratory on campus, not just ones receiving funding from the Tri-Council.
- 3.4 A.M. McCusker presented a spreadsheet containing information regarding the research involving nanoparticles in the Engineering departments. This is the beginning of the nanoparticle registry.  
  
A.M. McCusker presented the Assessing and Managing Risk program from the conference she attended on Nanoparticles in the Workplace. For next meeting, the model from the conference as well as the model set by the British standards will each be applied to three labs at Western.
- 4.0 There was no other business.
- 5.0 Motion to adjourn by K. Galil. Seconded by J. McMullin. All in favour. Adjourned.