

# Laboratory Safety Committee Meeting

## Minutes of Monday June 21, 2010

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM, SSB 4220

Present: K. Galil, G. Kidder, R. Maslen, A.M. McCusker, G. Qubty, S. Salisbury, J. Sparks, J. Dickey

Regrets: S. Mittler, Y. Huang, J. Stanley, J. O'Brien

Recorder: E. Gray

### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

Motion to Approve: S. Salisbury

### **2.0 Approval of February 25<sup>th</sup> Minutes**

Motion to Approve: K. Galil                      Seconded by: J. Sparks  
Minutes Approved

### **3.0 New Business**

#### **3.1 Lab Safety Inspections**

A.M McCusker informed the committee that there has been a decrease in compliance. She talked about individual departments and how this issue is going to be addressed within each department. The committee discussed strategies for improving compliance which includes involving the Chairs of each department and using peer influence.

The committee welcomed guest Alan Weedon (VP Academic) who discussed the obligation of faculty to conduct research that meets requirements of health and safety and the consequences non-compliance can have.

#### **3.2 Cryogenic liquids**

A.M. McCusker discussed the idea of utilizing swipe card access in elevators that will carry cryogenic materials. Who will have access to the swipe cards and who will grant swipe card access were some of the questions raised. The committee discussed the limitations of this plan as being how quickly individuals can gain swipe access.

#### **4.0 New Business**

##### **4.1 Approval process for laboratories**

A.M. McCusker discussed the issue of faculty moving into labs that are not fully equipped with proper safety features. The committee discussed ideas on how OHS could contact researchers earlier to find out if safety precautions need to be in place for them to conduct their research safely at the University. The committee also talked about a form Physical Plant might already have that may be helpful in this issue. The form includes where proposed lab space is for the faculty member.

#### **5.0 New Business**

K.Galil thanked Dr. Kidder for his work and time on the Lab Safety Committee.

#### **6.0 Adjournment**

Motion to move: J. Dickey

Seconded by: J. Sparks

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM