

Laboratory Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes of Friday October 22, 2010

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, SSB 4220

Present: J. Dickey, K. Galil, Y. Huang, R. Maslen, A.M. McCusker, J. Millar, S. Mittler
G. Qubty, S. Salisbury, J. Sparks, J. Stanley
Regrets: J. O'Brien

Recorder: E. Gray

1.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve: J. Dickey

2.0 Approval of June 21st Minutes

Motion to Approve: R. Maslen Seconded by: J. Dickey
Minutes Approved

3.0 New Business

3.1 Lab Safety Inspections

A.M. McCusker discussed changes to the Lab Safety Program that will be implemented to improve compliance and data collection. These changes include grading labs by the type of compliance (eg. non-compliance, full compliance, exceeds compliance etc.) and changes to the inspection reports. A.M. McCusker informed the committee that the reports will change to be specific to each principal investigator (PI) and reports will be sent for all inspections. She discussed the idea that the focus of the program is changing to narrow in on areas that are both high risk and highly non-compliant. Currently there are 550 labs in the Lab Safety Program. A.M. McCusker is looking into removing computer labs, autoclave rooms and scintillation counter rooms as they are covered under the inspections of other safety programs.

A.M. McCusker will send out an e-mail to inform all faculty of changes to the Lab Safety Program before she starts inspecting using this program.

3.2 Cryogenic liquids

A.M. McCusker discussed the idea of installing card access in all elevators that carry cryogenic liquids. Installing card access in a new elevator would cost \$15000. G. Qubty informed the committee that he will include this in the Physics and Astronomy renovations. As elevators are renovated we could put this policy

