

Lab Safety Advisory Committee (LSAC) April 9, 2019 meeting Minutes

Location: LISB 317

Members Present: Pluth, Rempel, Jasti, Langworthy, Mason, Harms, Hendrickson, Graham

Members Absent: Gillis

Meeting Started at 1pm

- Minutes: Rempel moved, Pluth seconded, all in favor of approval of minutes of the last meeting with no changes
- Lab Clearance Forms and Guidance are available see: <https://safety.uoregon.edu/lab-close-out>
Hendrickson mentioned the Lab Close-out documents are located on the EHS website, explained briefly and asked that any comments be emailed to him directly
- Lab Coat program-Vendor UniFirst has been chosen, \$0.10 cheaper weekly rental of plain lab coats compared to second vendor CINTAS. Program will be run out of 72 Onyx. Working on Lab sign-up sheet. EHS will have sample coats to try on for sizing. Expect program to start 4-6 weeks from final approval from UO Purchasing. Pluth asked if coats will be unisex size, EHS confirmed yes.
- Klamath Remodel: Changes to the CHP were presented to the committee for approval. Also, proposal for reminder stickers to be placed on new fume hoods explaining limits to use of flammable gases and toxic vapors and inclusion of additional EHS inspections per year. Explanation that due to the possible operations planned for the space, the City of Eugene needed assurances that the new ventilation system will be safe to operate as a “non-hazardous” exhaust system resulted in AM&M to be submitted to the city of Eugene. Currently no labs on campus carryout research operations that would even begin to approach proposed limits. Avoids UO paying for installation of more onerous HVAC system delineated under Oregon Mechanical Code 510.2. Harms proposed correction to grammar of 2 sentences in the proposed changes. Contingent that the changes will be made the committee approved changes to CHP, Harms first, Langworthy second.
- SOP’s- CHP changes prompted discussion of method to achieve higher compliance rate for labs to generate specific SOPs. SS mentioned EHS had in the past looked into a subscription service from UCLA as a source of “canned” SOP’s, asked if this would be something LSAC would support?SS: EHS would need to rework SOP’s to be more useful for UO labs.
- Review of 2018 science complex injuries. Discussion also over EPR Magnet loaded into elevator was over weight rating for the Onyx East elevator. TM reporting out injuries may need to be separated from campus wide to research related issues.
- Committee support for email information letter/report from EHS. MP supported monthly, KL supported quarterly report. KL suggested starting off report with eye catching incident.
- 2019 Lab Safety Summit post-review- LG reported well attended (34) and positive constructive feedback from exit survey. General comments/discussion on time length too long, break-up into discreet individual sessions researchers can pick and choose to attend, possibility to live stream, information session just for PI’s, target attendance by new PI’s since time more flexible.

Future new business- Committee members participating in lab safety inspections.

Q1: How will Knight Campus fit with EHS? SS: they will adopt same CHP.

MP suggest next meeting after roll out of Lab Coat Program ie June/July. Possible use of influence of VPRI to move program more quickly through PCS. Use of Around the O spot light to help launch the program.

4pm-Meeting adjourned KL first, TM second motion.