

Lab Safety Advisory Committee (LSAC) meeting minutes

Meeting Time: 8/16/17 10:07-11:06 A.M.

Location: Onyx 275

Members Present: Alice Barkan (Chair), Mike Pluth, Alan Rempel, Kurt Langworthy, Tim Mason, Matt Hendrickson (secretary)

Members Absent: Ramesh Jasti, Brian Gillis

Non-Voting Attendees: Luke Sitts, Hallie Hoskins

Call to Order at 10:07 A.M. August 16<sup>th</sup> 2017

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A) Discussion of the committee charter: and the committee being empowered by the Office of the President. Direct reporting to Campus Safety Advisory Committee and from there to the various VP or President.
- B) Report on recent incidents around campus opened a discussion on the need for training and distribution of information around campus. Great desire expressed for moving safety and refresher training to a broader base and participation becoming an institutional norm. Committee suggested outlining real, impactful incident that occurred on campus in trainings to highlight the impact of lab safety. Majority of the reported injuries are of cut and puncture type caused by broken glassware.
- C) State of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Report outlined current EHS programs and initiatives. An action item stemming from this discussion is creating a "Safety Bulletin" that can be widely posted and periodically updated. Functionally, this would be similar to the program Occupational Safety employs. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) use and options is a highlighted area of need.

Other Business and action items:

- A) Discussion on the new Knight Campus and the potential need for a flammable gas detection system.
- B) Lab Specific 1 page safety announcement and Safety Bulletin. Luke and Alice will work on this using the University of Minnesota or other safety announcement as a template.
- C) Lone worker and/or off-campus worker guide and policy. Matt and Alan will work with Risk Management utilizing their expertise on current rules and procedures. An additional resource would be State and Federal resources, in particular from the Park Services.
- D) Discussion of potential Lab Coat policy for next meeting.
- E) Next meeting to be held during the date range of September 15-25.

Meeting Adjourned 11:06 A.M. August 16<sup>th</sup> 2017