

Voting Attendees: Pluth, Jasti, Hendrickson, Laurie, Mason, Langworthy, Harms, Gillis

Members Absent: Rempel

Non-voting members present: Hoskins

Location: LISB 317

10/31/2018; meeting started at 1:00 PM

- Minutes: Pluth moved, Harms seconded, all in favor of approval with no changes
- Hendrickson updated group on ASHRAE110 testing; all tested hoods passed. No further discussion.
 - EHS has the opportunity to purchase equipment for conducting ASHRAE110 testing in-house. The group discussed cost vs. contracting for these services, training needed for at least two EHS staff, frequency of testing required and time the testing will take (~2 hours per hood). If 6-12 hoods are tested per year, each hood would be tested on a 5-year rotation, at a minimum. The committee was interested in learning more about this and feels it may be a worthwhile investment. Please keep the group updated as this materializes.
- Creating a lab clearance procedure: any input from committee members should be sent to Matt via email.
- Lab Safety Manual is published and available on the EHS website.
- Laurie Graham introduced herself as the new Lab Safety Officer.
- Lab Coat Proposal was presented to the committee for review and endorsement. The program will be housed in the Onyx Bridge EHS office. Matt Hendrickson summarized how a central lab coat laundry program would work and benefits to the Institution and individual lab groups. This program should improve compliance with PPE adherence, increase frequency of coat laundering (since departments do not pay per lab coat per wash), and decrease barriers to entry. The committee was supportive of this initiative.

Lab coats currently in circulation, unless in good condition, can be disposed as non-hazardous waste. Language in our policy should not specifically *require* use of coats within this program, however, labs should be discouraged from continuing to use their own coats. The parameters defined in our contract with the vendor will inform our UO Lab Coat Policy.

A concern was expressed about risks to the labs if this program dissolves in the future due to lack of funds, where the labs had disposed of their purchased coats. While it can't be guaranteed that this won't happen, Matt Hendrickson and Mike Pluth felt that the program has strong justification for existing, and if it must end there would probably be an initiative to ease the barrier to reentry.

Art rags will also be included in this program. It was suggested that language be clarified so as not to imply only laboratory-related materials are included. Perhaps "launderable materials"? Flammability and metals contamination also influence what materials are included in the program (hence, rags).

Mason suggested clarification in our policy explaining why only lab coats are included in this program and paid centrally, as opposed to including central funding for disposable PPE such as shoe covers.

Minor edits were made to the document that was distributed; Gillis moved to approve, Harms seconded, all were in favor of promoting this program to VPRI. Mike Pluth (Chair) will sign it on behalf of the committee and Matt Hendrickson will provide the signed resolution to Steve Stuckmeyer and Cass Moseley.

- Laurie Graham has been working with the Art departments to establish a relationship with these groups and determine how EHS can be a resource to them. Over the summer, EHS had an opportunity to advise the Art groups on kiln safety.
- Save the date for a Lab Safety Summit: March 14, 2019. A schedule will be sent out once finalized.
- Next LSAC meeting to be held Q1 2019 (mid-to-late January)