Lab Safety Advisory Committee (LSAC) Agenda

Meeting Time: 15:00-16:30
Location: LISB 217

Members Present: Professors: Barkan, Jasti, Pluth, Gillis, Langworthy

Members Absent:

Non-Voting Attendees: S. Stuckmeyer, L. Sitts

Brought to Order 15:02

Old Business:

A) Minutes adoption: Adopted without change.

B) Final Recommendations to EHS for implementation of UO Lab Coat Policy.

Members are universally in favor of instituting an institutional lab coat program. Members answered questions on programmatic details. Not branding the coats would save $2/coat, members found the saving were more important for reducing an ask from ICC for centralized funding. All members agreed that ICC would be the appropriate funding source: one recognized issue with this were our teaching labs and affiliated institutions as they have different cost/revenue models. One solution is to minimize the float of reserve coats to lower cost to units and inventory control so that loss and shrinkage may be adequately addressed. Additionally, while distributing control and coat sites is thought to increase adoption, it would raise costs due to infrastructure and deliveries while complicating overall administration. There is a preference towards a central site though this mandates the need for increased access controls. See: University of Oregon Lab Coat Program Draft in LSAC P:drive folder.

C) Lone worker program recommended changes, inclusions, or deletions.

Members stated a desire to delay adoption of this material. This is to examine and edit the document to improved lab functionality while retaining P.I. control. Further edits to be finished the first week on April

D) Remote worker policy recommended changes, inclusions, or deletions.

Contacting UO risk Management, and active traveling research groups: Sterner/Ting, Bridgham, Sutherland for input. LSAC delegated further development to UOSRS.

E) Discussion on lab safety contact efforts.

L. Sitts and Professor Barkan discussed results of distributed survey and continuing to identify lab safety contacts across the University. In general, there was good response and EHS had identified the majority of contacts and a continuous duty to identify new/changing individual contact points.
New Business:

A) Laboratory Safety Manual Presentation: Hallie Hoskins or Luke Sitts

*A combined effort working as a “1-stop shop” for lab safety. Increases focus on lab continuity planning. Chemical Hygiene Plan is included as an appendix. LSAC edits due first week of April. Timeline has shifted due to bulk of material. Edits now due before next LSAC meeting in late April early May.*

B) Recommendation on a new committee chair current nominee: Professor Mike Pluth

*Professor Pluth was sole nomination and this information was passed on to Institutional Official.*

C) Suggestions on new a new member/members:

*Noted vacancy from the Life Sciences areas with the departure of Professor Barkan. Mike Harms has agreed to join the committee. Have new member on board by next meeting (Late April/Early May)*

Meeting Adjourned: 16:17