

Lab Safety Advisory Committee (LSAC) Minutes

Meeting Time: 9/20/17 14:04-15:05

Location: LISB 317

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

Members Absent:

Non-Voting Attendees: Steve Stuckmeyer

Old Business:

- A) Minutes from August meeting adopted without edits.
- B) Update on bulletin and communication items: Alice Barkan and Luke Sitts worked together to identify ways of improving communication. Agreement reached on the need for a lab safety contact in addition to the Principal Investigator (PI). This person may be a safety coordinator, senior lab personnel, or employee with the authority to interact with EHS and affected persons/spaces. The debate centered on the span and scope of these liaisons. For example, it would be appropriate for a single person in each lab group in the Biology or Chemistry department to serve as liaison for that group, whereas in other departments (with less intensive laboratory work going on), a single departmental liaison may be more appropriate. EHS, having records of the various hazard signs, building managers, and technicians are tasked with defining the specific groups that would be asked to identify a lab safety contact.
- C) Off-campus work: This group has found resources relating to off-campus work through peer institution both in state and in international. Currently working, with a PhD student that travels extensively and will be meeting Monday Oct. 9th at 10am.

New Business:

- A) Discussion of Huestis "Hazardous Materials" event. Suggestions on further actions would be welcome. A copy of the incident report with scrubbed names requested by group members. Discussion on event within group focused around 3 action items:
 - 1) Lone worker policy. EHS and LSAC will develop the policy and work for inclusion into the Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP). If policy is approved it will go to the campus safety advisory committee.
 - 2) A "How to act in an emergency" guide or a "if this happens to you" flyer. This may be a quick rundown on emergency response guidelines. Reaching out to the involved GTF and assessing their actions and rational during the incident would give needed information for this item.
 - 3) Incident reporting methods. The SAIR's require unnecessary information in the case of a non-injury report, a near miss, or a safety concern. Members should review <https://safety.uoregon.edu/report-concern>, which is available on the SRS homepage as the alternative to reporting through the SAIR process.

4) Dissemination of incidents of this nature to the broader community is an important means for raising awareness about potential lab hazards. The Lab Safety Contacts (see above) would provide a straightforward path for communicating such events.

B) Development of a campus lab coat policy. Would a vendor led discussion be valuable to the group? Delayed but vendor will be contacted for a presentation in a future meeting.

C) ASHRAE 110 fume hood testing. What would be ideal location for enhanced fume hood testing? What would an appropriate testing regimen look like to the committee? Delayed

Other Business and action items:

A) Next meeting to be scheduled 1st or 2nd week of November.

Meeting adjourned 13:05