

# Lab Safety Committee Agenda

## February 19, 2018

### Attendees

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John	Bartmess	Chemistry
Chris	Fedo	Earth and Planetary Sciences
Chris	Boake	Arts and Sciences
James	Cantu	EHS
Christine	Cheney	Physics
Terry	Hazen	CEE, Micro, EPS
Steve	Crouch	UTIA Safety Office
Paul	Dalhamier	Chem. and Biomolecular Eng.
Greg	Jones	Materials Science
Pam	Koontz	EHS
Mariano	Labrador	BCMB
Gong	Gu	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Scott	Moser	EHS
Alex	Bruce	EHS
Erin	Tucker	Art
Darcy	Rathjen	JIAM
Mark	Wagner	Facilities Services
Clayton	Frazier	Risk Management
Elizabeth	Derryberry	EEB
Doug	Aaron	MABE

#### Absentees

Mark	Smith	EHS
Will	Farrell	MABE
Jacob	Payne	UTIA Safety Office
Butch	Irick	MABE
Lee	Jantz	Anthropology
Matthew	Cooper	Psychology
Susan	McMillan	Theatre
Rosie	Metallo	Plant Science
Ling	Zhao	Nutrition
Brian	Ranger	Biosafety
Robert	Nobles	ORE
Mike	Rotella	EHS
John	Salasin	GSS
Kristen	Bass	GSM
Lori	Cole	UTIA
Bill	Dunne	College of Engineering
Scott	Emert	Nuclear Engineering
Marsha	Smith	Radiation Safety
Linda	Hamilton	Biosafety
David	White	UTIA

- I. Minutes From Last Meeting** – Members in attendance approved minutes from the last meeting.
- II. Decontamination of Surplus Property** – Scott Moser supplied a reminder to properly decontaminate equipment before sending items to Surplus Property. Departments preparing for the upcoming move to the Mossman Building should remind PIs of proper decontamination procedures and the need to fill out the decontamination form from Surplus Property.
- III. New Lab Waste Disposal Documents** – James Cantu gave a brief overview of two new guides concerning hazardous waste recently published on the EHS website. *Hazardous Waste Requirements* and *Disposal of Materials: Empty Containers, Glass and Sharps* guides were discussed.
- IV. Reproductive Health Guide Published** – James Cantu informed the members that the updated *Reproductive Health Guidelines* have been published on the EHS website. Members discussed how the guidelines should be made available to lab members. Dr. Hazen suggested that the guidelines be added to the lab chemical hygiene plan to inform lab members about reproductive health protections.
- V. ORE Safety Awards** – Dr. Hazen discussed the awards that were given out at the recent Office of Research and Engagement Compliance and Safety Luncheon. *(Dr. Hazen will discuss with Dr. Nobles and Mark Smith about a new round of awards.)*
- VI. Report on Three Lab Incidents** – 2 incidents were discussed. Dr. Hazen described and discussed the Civil and Environmental Engineering incident. Scott Moser discussed the hydrofluoric acid near miss from Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. The lab has since written standard operating procedures for working with hydrofluoric acid.
- VII. Chemical Inventory** – Pam Koontz updated the committee on the ongoing chemical inventory update. She reported an overall university response rate of 32% (26% of College of Engineering and 35% of Arts and Sciences). The list of respondents have been forwarded to Drs. Dunne and Boake.
- VIII. Lab Safety Review- Status Report** – Pam Koontz and Scott Moser updated the committee on the progress for the annual lab reviews. Dr. Hazen requested that the committee be updated on the square footage of lab space inspected during the reviews as a metric to take to university administration. *(Pam Koontz and Scott Moser will update with square footage of labs inspected.)*
- IX. BioRAFT update** – James Cantu updated the committee on the BioRaft contact status and the supplemental budget request for funding.
- X. Lab Coats** – Dr. Hazen and Scott Moser updated the committee on the current Cintas lab coat situation. Mark Smith is waiting for a cost structure response from Cintas to take to university administration for possible funding.

- XI. New Business** – Elizabeth Derryberry suggested the creation of a New Faculty Primer for setting up a lab. Others suggested a PI / Faculty Guide button on the EHS homepage to direct researchers to relevant information about setting up / maintaining a safe lab.

Greg Jones asked about university policy about undergraduates working alone. What should PIs that do not have any graduate students do in relation to undergraduate students in the lab? Working alone should be avoided, especially when working with hazardous chemicals or procedures. If it is necessary to work alone, implement a “buddy system” or use the Guardian App according to lab procedures.

*It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigators and laboratory supervisors to ensure procedures for working alone are developed and followed by personnel working in laboratories under their supervision. – UT Laboratory Safety Manual, p. 70*

- XII. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held Monday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m.