

Laboratory Safety Committee (LSC)
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018

Members in Attendance:

Doug Aaron- MABE
John Bartmess – Chemistry
Chris Boake – Arts and Science
Alex Bruce – EHS
Christine Cheney- Physics
Lori Cole –Vet School
Matthew Cooper – Psychology
Paul Dalhamier-CBE
Bill Dunne – CoE
Clayton Frazier – Exp Learning
Linda Hamilton – Biosafety
Terry Hazen- CEE, Micro, EPS
Lee Jantz- Anthrophony
Greg Jones- Material Science
Mariano Labrador
Scott Moser- EHS
Dennis Owens – Facilities Services
Jacob Payne - UTIA
Brian Ranger-Biosafety
Darcy Rathjen- JIAM
Mark Smith- EHS
Marsha Smith- Radiation Safety
Erin Tucker - Art
Kristen Vandergriff-GSM
Steve Crouch - UTIA

Absent Members

James Cantu -EHS
Will Farrell - MABC
Chris Fedo - EPS
Gong Gu- EECS
Rosie Metallo – Plant Science
Robert Noble- ORE
Mike Rotella - EHS
John Salasin - GSS
David White - UTIA
Zing Zhao- Nutrition
Pam Koontz- EHS

- I. **Minutes-** Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by members in attendance.

- II. **Lab Coats -** A representative from Cintas will be here on March 20, 2018 to discuss their program for laundering lab coats and to take a tour of the hill. Figures were provided to the LSC on the anticipated cost of the program. Kristen

Vandergriff discussed a program she implemented at the Graduate School of Medicine for lab coats.

III. Chemical Inventory

- a. Status – It was reported that approximately 85% of the inventories have been submitted. EHS will send the names of those individuals from the College of Engineering who have not submitted an inventory to Bill Dunne.
- b. New Program – The process to procure new chemical inventory software has been put on hold for the moment. Terry Hazen and Bill Dunne discussed contacting the chancellor regarding this matter.

IV. **Lab Safety Review** - So far this year EHS has completed safety reviews of CBE, Microbiology and Nuclear Engineering. Labs associated these departments total 42,000 square feet. In addition, they completed Material Science and Civil Engineering, which totaled 51,600 square feet. EHS will bring figures to the next meeting for the total amount of lab space on campus.

V. **Peer Safety Review** – The annual peer safety review will be Monday, March 26. Tim Barton, safety officer from the UT Health Science Center in Memphis, will be the lead surveyor. An additional surveyor may join Tim. Historically these reviews have focused on labs.

VI. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the LSC will be Monday, April 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Mary Greer Room.

VII. **Summer Meeting** – Mark will schedule the summer meeting for Monday, June 18, at 1:30 p.m. and attempt to secure the Mary Greer Room.

VIII. Next Business

- a. The fire alarm in SERF activated recently in what was reported to be a steam leak and the occupants evacuated. The “all clear” notice was not effectively communicated after the fire department left.
- b. The fire alarm in the Art and Architecture building activated about two months ago. Questions were raised about the audibility of the alarm in various parts of the building. *This topic should be direct to Chris Boake or Terry Ledford.*
- c. There are still eyewash deficiencies in Dabney/Buehler. Drench hoses were installed in labs during an early-1990s renovation of the building when eyewashes should have been specified. *Mark will follow up with Dave Irvin on a campus-wide project to update/repair/replace eyewash deficiencies.*
- d. Some of the new chair in Strong Hall have failed. The cause(s) of the failure were reviewed.

- e. Flooding in Strong Hall was discussed.
- f. Mark Smith will be stepping down as the EHS director on April 6.