

Laboratory Safety Committee Meeting Minutes June 20, 2022, Zoom Meeting

Attendance according to zoom:

Member	Department	Pres.	Abs.	Member	Department	Pres.	Abs.
Doug Aaron	MABE	\boxtimes		Bryan Lord	Facilities		\boxtimes
Michael Allen	TCE	\boxtimes		Kristen Massey	IAAM	\boxtimes	
James Cantu	EHS	\boxtimes		Larry McKay	Vice-Chair : A&S	\boxtimes	
Christine Cheney	Physics & Astronomy	\boxtimes		Ahmad Mitoubsi	EHS/Lab	\boxtimes	
Lori Cole	IACUC/OLAC	\boxtimes		Sarah Mobley	CEE	\boxtimes	
Matthew Cooper	Psychology	\boxtimes		Katie Morgan	Nursing		\boxtimes
Steve Crouch	UTIA Safety		\boxtimes	Scott Moser	EHS/Lab	\boxtimes	
Caleb Cummings	EHS		\boxtimes	Allen Patchen	EPS	\boxtimes	
Paul Dalhaimer	CBE	\boxtimes		Jacob Payne	UTIA Safety	\boxtimes	
Carolina Dolislager	EHS	\boxtimes		Sandra Prior	EHS	\boxtimes	
Bill Dunne	Tickle COE		\boxtimes	Sarah Pruett	ORE	\boxtimes	
Gerald Egeland	MSE	\boxtimes		Brian Ranger	EHS/Lab	\boxtimes	
Scott Emert	Nuclear Eng.	\boxtimes		Darcy Rathjen	ORE		\boxtimes
Jennifer Ferris	GSM	\boxtimes		Tim Rials	UTIA		\boxtimes
Casey Fletcher	ART	\boxtimes		Marsha Smith	EHS/Rad	\boxtimes	
Jason Fogarty	Theatre		\boxtimes	Cynthia Swift	CEB	\boxtimes	
Sharon Hale	CEE	\boxtimes		Daniel Thomas	EHS	\boxtimes	
Linda Hamilton	EHS/Lab		\boxtimes	Joseph Williams	EEB		\boxtimes
Terry Hazen	Chair-CEE/EPS/Micro	\boxtimes		Andre Zeumault	EECS	\boxtimes	
Sally Horn	Geography	\boxtimes		Ling Zhao	Nutrition	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Randy Huelsman	Facilities	\boxtimes		Grad Student Rep	Grad Student Chem		\boxtimes
Anneke Janzen	Anthropology		\boxtimes				
Jeremiah Johnson	Microbiology		\boxtimes	Kim Harmon	EHS	\boxtimes	
John Kobza	ISE		\boxtimes	Brian Payne	EHS/Guest	\boxtimes	
Mariano Labrador	ВСМВ	\boxtimes		Geoff Woolard	EHS/Guest	\boxtimes	
Brian Long	Chemistry		\boxtimes				

Agenda:

- I. Introductions: New LSS Team Member
- II. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting
- III. LSS Updates
- IV. HHCC membership recruitment
- V. Documents
- VI. New working group
- VII. Incidents/Concerns
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Next Meeting

Attachments and References:

- 2022 Lab Safety Reviews: YTD
- LSC Meeting Minutes
- Forms / Guidance for Review:
 - o LS-003
 - o LS-021 (draft: Moser)
 - o LS-023
 - o LS-025
 - o Non-Ionizing Radiation

Google drive documents with zoom video

Topic Summaries

I. Introductions - New Lab Safety Services Team Members

o EHS Lab Safety – Carolina Dolislager (Biological)

II. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting (4/18/2022)

LSC Meeting minutes approved.

III. Lab Safety Services Updates (Ranger): 2022 Lab Safety Reviews YTD Summary

- o YTD Summary through the 2nd Quarter
- o 10 out of 24 inspections complete for this calendar year
- o EEB
- 3 findings not yet closed from 2021
- Findings escalated to major findings following LS-003 procedure
- All issues resolved
- o 5 major findings found repeatedly and consistently over time
 - LSA's please send reminders regarding these top 5 recurring issues
 - chemical inventories
 - hazardous waste training
 - hazardous waste poor labeling, illegible labeling, open containers
 - eyewash testing flushed and documented weekly
 - door signage
 - Majority of findings resolved relatively quickly.
 - o KRSS and Geography had no findings.
 - o IAMM still working on resolution of findings.

IV. HHCC membership recruitment (Moser)

- o Recruitment reminder sent out about 2 weeks ago by Moser.
- o Good response from UTIA (3 nominees, 1 graduate student) and GSM (1 nominee)
- Main Campus slow response
 - Nutrition 1 nominee
 - Arts & Sciences Larry McKay sent out an email reminder
 - Engineering Ranger will give a reminder at Tickle Engineering meeting

V. Documents for Lab Safety Committee to Review

- o Final Revisions of Guides: Poll one disapproved and will send revision to Kim.
 - LS-003: Lab Decommissioning/Commissioning
 - LS-023: 3D Printer Safety
 - LS-025: Nanomaterials Safety Guidance
 - Non-Ionizing Radiation Program
- o LS-021: Time-Sensitive Chemicals (new guidance: Moser)
 - Chemicals that become increasingly hazardous over time
 - Peroxide-forming chemicals
 - Picric acid & multi-nitrated aromatics
 - Chloroform
 - Compressed gas cylinders
 - Formic Acid
 - Alkali metals
 - One main goal dispose of legacy chemicals
 - Poll will be sent for approval of this guide draft via email.

VI. New Working Group: Teaching Lab Safety Framework

- o Flexible or multi-use areas
 - Commission a lab when beginning new research
 - Decommission not needed if research remains the same even if staff changes
- o Teaching LS Framework Group: Ahmad is coordinating this new working group

VII. Incidents/concerns

- o Chemistry trash can fire Near Miss (Long, Moser, Woolard)
 - Dr. Long's Lab
 - workers using chem wipes to clean-up after experiment
 - Chem wipes were thrown into regular trash and started smoking
 - Passerby used fire extinguisher to put out fire
 - Smoke detectors were not set off in the building
 - detectors were not installed as needed in labs during renovation
 - Facility Services is working on this installation.
- o UT Rocketry Club UT Drive Services Bldg. B (Ranger, Moser, Woolard)
 - Woolard (FLS) walk-through found major concerns:
 - Unchained compressed gas cylinders (nitrous oxide)
 - Extensive daisy-chaining
 - Older class D fire extinguisher
 - Clutter
 - LSS met with student group.
 - Students met safety measures for cylinders, removed daisy-chaining
 - Students left for competition and will resolve other issues upon return.
 - No concerns about the group's launch stand (off-campus)
 - Training on compressed gas cylinders
 - Lab Safety Training on Canvas has a condensed gas training component
 - Stand-alone module on these cylinders listed on EHS catalog on Canvas
- o Chemical Burn Incident Civil & Environmental Engineering
 - Graduate student making a 5 mol/L solution of sodium hydroxide
 - Sodium hydroxide in volumetric flash with parafilm over opening
 - Student inverted flask and fluid landed on her head and dripped into her eves
 - She got into safety shower, then had a 15-minute eye wash, received medical care

VIII. New Business

- COVID concerns: mask when appropriate when traveling or going to meetings
- Weather: high heat index concerns
 - Staff can only work 15 minutes outside before taking a break to cool down
 - James will be emailing OSHA information on heat stress to the committee
 - Please be cognizant of staff working in labs with broken AC units
- o Additional concern: if air isn't working, does that mean air filters are also not working?
 - Facilities will contact Zone Maintenance for more information.

IX. Next Meeting

o August 15, 2022, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm [Zoom]