

**UNIVERSITY SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 4, 2015**

Members Present: Matt Fajack, Mary Beth Koza, Christopher Payne, Michael Rolleri, Beverly Errede, Doug Cyr, Bruce Runberg, Judy Faubert, Paul Pogge, Gena Carter, Lorraine Alexander, Jennifer Rees, Mitchell Picker

Members Absent: Meredith Weiss, Craig Fletcher, Jeff McCracken, David Kaufman, Cindy Taylor,

Guests: Mary Crabtree, Cathy Brennan, Dan Eisenman

1. Institutional Biosafety Committee Report

Dan Eisenman presented the Institutional Biosafety Committee annual report. Highlights included: September 2014 Biosafety Stewardship Month; Dual Use Research of Concern regulations; improvements to the IBC approval work flow; and “review” protocol statistics. The committee was requested to review and approve the Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC) policy. This policy incorporates the new federal requirements of certification, compliance, training, and risk mitigation plan. Failure to comply with this new federal law may result in suspension, limitation, or termination of current and/or future research funding. Doug Cyr motions to approve the DURC policy, Mitchell Picker seconds the motion. Committee unanimously votes to approve.

2. Laboratory Safety

Cathy Brennan presented the Collaborative Laboratory Inspection Program (CLIP) non-compliance process. Currently the process for following up with non-compliance ends with the EHS Director. The new process incorporates the Laboratory Safety Committee who would review the non-compliance and prepare written recommendations to the USSC. Any final action to be taken for non-compliance would then be voted on by the USSC. This process does not include imminent danger citations in which EHS notifies laboratory personnel immediately to cease operations and closes the laboratory down. She then reported on the nitromethane/sodium explosion which occurred in the chemistry department. The amounts utilized were not within current procedures and resulted in property damage but no personal injury. Corrective action to mitigate future occurrences has been implemented.

3. Safety Culture

Cathy Brennan discussed some laboratory safety culture actions occurring on the national level. The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) has created a task force that is reviewing safety cultures and establishing mechanisms to document college and university commitments. The American Chemical Society has provided updated resource materials on “*Identifying and Evaluating Hazards in Research Laboratories*”. The National Research Council developed “*Safe Science, Promoting a Culture of Safety in Academic Chemical Research*”. This information has been spotlighted in the University’s Avert newsletter and posted to the EHS website.

4. State Hazard Hero Program

Mary Beth Koza updated the committee on the University’s action regarding the State’s new Hazard Hero program. Facilities Services, Energy Services, and DLAM will be the first groups to kick-off of this new program in the month of June, which is safety month. She then reported that the University received the gold award for the fifth consecutive year from the NC Department of Labor.

5. Other Business

University’s emergency response tabletop drill is scheduled for June 16 and live drill on August 10.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.