LABORATORY SAFETY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: MINUTES (SPRING MEETING)
DATE: MAY 14, 2014 1:00 PM
PLACE: CORPORATION YARD BUILDING - ROOM 221
PRESENT: KEVIN BRADY (COMMITTEE MEMBER; DIRECTOR, RISK MANAGEMENT AND EH&S)
         TANYI OBENSON (COMMITTEE MEMBER; CHEMICAL SAFETY OFFICER)
         SUNIL MANGALASSARY (COMMITTEE MEMBER; FACULTY, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES)
         SAMUEL LANDSBERGER (COMMITTEE MEMBER; FACULTY, ENGIN & TECHNOLOGY)
         ANDREW WILSON (COMMITTEE MEMBER; BIOLOGICAL SAFETY OFFICER)
         YONG BA (COMMITTEE MEMBER; FACULTY, CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY)
         GUO-MENG ZHAO (FACULTY, PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY)
         SCOTT NICHOLAISEN (COMMITTEE MEMBER; FACULTY, CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY)
         CARLOS PORTILLO (FACILITIES SERVICES DIRECTOR)
         ROBERT VELLANOWETH (CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON)

ABSENT: KATRINA YAMAZAKI (FACULTY, BIOLOGY)

1. Meeting convened at 1:05 P.M.
2. Announcements
3. Intent to Raise Questions
4. Approval of Minutes (N/A)
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Standing Reports

6.1 Sam Landsberger

6.1.1 S. Landsberger indicated that he needed to have a pickup of compressed gas cylinders. He also indicated that he will be purchasing small a milling machine for classroom safety.

6.2 Yong Ba

6.2.1 Y. Ba stated that he would prefer to have new stools for his lab due to the fact that the chairs that are available could pose a threat for students’ safety.

6.3 T. Obenson
6.3.1 T. Obenson stated that negative exposure assessments (NEA) will be conducted within the next few months for both chemistry and biology research labs. T. Obenson discussed findings and recommendations of 6 CSUs audit.

6.4 K. Brady

6.4.1 K. Brady discussed findings and recommendations of 6 CSUs audit. K. Brady indicated the need for monthly internal audits of labs by lab managers. After discussion with panel and R. Vellanoweth, K. Brady indicated that a procedure would be created to address internal auditing of labs by lab managers. K. Brady also indicated that online training would be implemented for instructional lab students as well as lab managers.

6.5 S. Mangalassary

6.5.1 S. Mangalassary indicated that he intends to disseminate information discussed in LSC meeting with other members of the Health and Human Services Department.

6.6 R. Vellanoweth

6.6.1 R. Vellanoweth requested to see draft of procedure that would be created to address internal auditing of labs by lab managers.

6.7 Guo-Meng Zhao

6.7.1 Guo-Meng Zhao indicated that he may need space to store hydrogen compressed gas. T. Obenson indicated that he will assist Dr. Zhao with his concerns.

6.8 S. Nickolaisen

6.8.1 S. Nickolaisen indicated that he would like to see a checklist for instructional lab instructors so as to ensure safety compliance. T. Obenson, K. Brady and A. Wilson indicated that they would assist S. Nickolaisen with this matter.

6.8.2 S. Nickolaisen also indicated that there are several labs with the Annenberg Science Complex that need to have their eye wash linked into the drainage system as water spills onto the floor and may cause slips, trips and falls by lab personnel.

6.9 A. Wilson

6.9.1 A. Wilson indicated that he will assist in creating checklist for instructional lab managers. A. Wilson also indicated that he will be picking up compressed gas cylinders from S. Landsberger’s lab.

7 New Business

7.1 Negative Exposure Assessments
7.2.1 T. Obenson and K. Brady will be planning NEAs within the next 3 months.

7.3 Lab Safety Committee Information on EHS website

7.3.1 Discussion on adding lab safety checklist to LSC website as well as any other pertinent information discussed by LSC.

8 Meeting Adjourned at 2:30P.M.