

Science Safety Committee Minutes

April 29, 2005

9:00-11:00 a.m.

RVS 2257

In Attendance: Debbie Sackett, Sarah Strong, Bob Blodgett, Ron Johns

Visitors to Science Labs: Becky has asked us to begin work on guidelines for non-ACC visitors to science labs. Sarah provided a preliminary list of safety rules, which are basically a summary of our current safety rules. Similarly, Sarah is working on a release and waiver form. These forms will be used when they will be viewing or participating in labs that have chemical hazards, biohazards or projectile hazards. New drafts of these documents will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Summer Safety Training: As a result of Cathy Heald's departure, we are left without a HazCom/HazWaste trainer. With respect to Hazard Communication Training, the committee decided that for now, we would be happy to put Cathy's power point presentation on line, along with a quiz. New and returning faculty will review the presentation at their leisure and then take the online quiz. Multiple versions of the quiz will be uploaded periodically. Requiring a minimum score, with some caveat may be attached to the procedure. This is pending approval by the Dean. Debbie and Bob are working on the quiz content; Sarah will prepare the HTML bits.

Department-Specific Training will still occur in person. Becky has requested we work primarily on scenario training, and this cannot be carried out effectively online.

Updates from previous meetings: Debbie sent our ADA and Safety requests through Becky to the Committee for Student Accommodations (see 3/25/05 minutes).

Debbie has not talked to David or Becky about EHS safety statement going into the Master Syllabus (see 3/25/05 minutes).

Bob reminded Debbie that our committee desires a member of the Math Department be included.

New Committee Members: New Department Chairs will be on the committee. Debbie needs to talk to Madan Mohan, Chair for Chemistry and Bob needs to talk to James Friedrichsen, Chair for Physical Sciences.

Summer Schedule: For the first part of the summer, we will try to meet Friday mornings (once a month). Our first meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 3rd, 9-11 am, RVS 2257. This is pending consultation with other committee members.