



**Safety Committee Meeting  
January 29, 2009**

**Present:**

Stephanie Graham-Sims  
Kim Bryner  
Susan Clacko  
Trudy Werry

Cornelius Adamah  
Tom Hussion  
Brad Fansler  
Frank Ali

Lana Bunner  
Cindy Dalton  
Jeff Kerns

**Absent:**

Mike Cain  
Allen Hill  
Nina Clovis

Andy Cockburn  
Grove Pennington  
Dianne DeAngelis

Debbie Pikel  
Kevin Simpkins  
Nasser Razmainfar

- Introduction of Cornelius Adamah, one of two new Graduate Assistant hired in the HSC Safety Office. Mingyu Wu also works in the office, but was unavailable for the meeting.

**Updates:**

- The Intermodal Parking Garage is scheduled to open September 2009. Currently construction is approximately one month behind schedule due to weather delays. It is anticipated the project will make up the delays and be completed on schedule.
- The PRT will possibly close during Summer 09 in order to conduct major repairs and maintenance. There will be a “shadow bus service” to accommodate riders.
- Roads and Grounds and HSC Facilities staff are doing a good job of keeping the sidewalks and parking lots clear during inclement weather. There was an incident of a woman falling on black ice in-between the Cancer Center and BRNI without injury. But the number of complaints has minimized.

**Dentistry:**

- The Dentistry School is due for re-accreditation in April '09. The HSC Safety Office has been providing guidance and assistance in preparation for the accreditation visit.
  - Dentistry is updating necessary information and making improvements for compliance. Kim is working closely with Dentistry staff on safety related issues.
  - Renovations are taking place in Dentistry.

**Facilities Management:**

- The PET/CT Scan area renovations have begun.

- There is a Facilities Management Safety and Health In-Service on January 30 at 9:15 am. The topic being reviewed is 704 posting. The Safety office is designing 704 wallet cards to provide to FM staff.

**Safety Office:**

- Kim Bryner and the HSC Safety Office Graduate Assistants are assisting professors/ researchers with the close-out and relocation of their laboratories.
- BRNI is preparing to open and Kim has been providing guidance regarding compliance issues.

**OLAR:**

- BRNI's Vivarium will open February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Frank Ali of OLAR asked if the Safety Office has audited the BRNI fume hoods. All the hoods have been certified by an outside vendor.
- Frank asked Jeff if emergency exit map were going to be place throughout BRNI. Jeff's responded that the maps are not required by code, but he has no problem with placing the fire exit maps around the building
- Frank noted that with new researcher moving in, BRNI needs to have a trash dumpster to get rid of all the packing materials (mostly boxes).
- Stephanie has made arrangements with Environmental Health and Safety for fit-testing of the OLAR staff. Information has been forwarded to Frank to begin scheduling.

**Fire and Life Safety:**

- Fire alarm system is being upgraded. Crews are working to place new panels throughout the building. As of now, when a fire alarm sounds, there is immediate evacuation. By August, Jeff is hoping the system will pin-point the exact location of the alarm and evacuation will take place on that floor and the floors above and below the alarm. With clinics and research ongoing, this will prevent unnecessary interruption.
- Jeff has been working on BRNI fire code compliance.
- The doors located between the Dentistry Clinics and Family Medicine is a byway and is usually left open. However, due to cold weather, the doors are closed to limit the access of cold air. This issue causes a problem for ADA accessibility. There is no push button or automatic sensor to open the doors when needed. Jeff is exploring options to correct the situation.

**Next Meeting is February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1:30 in the War Room.**