



**Safety Committee Meeting**

**October 28, 2010**

**Present:**

Lt. White	Patrick Callery	Brad Fansler
Teresa Fisher	Brenda Moran	Jeff Kerns
Cindy Dalton	Andy Cockburn	Kevin Simpkins
Frank Ali	Rena Bouchal	Susan Clacko
Stephanie Graham-Sims	Teresa Fisher	Cindy Dalton

**Absent:**

Carrie Smith-Bell	Tom Hussion	Debbie Piktel
Grove Pennington	Dianne DeAngelis	
Lana Bunner	Amanda Ammer	

**Stephanie Graham-Sims**

- The HSC Safety Office and Environmental Health & Safety conducted sound level readings in the new cage wash area of the vivarium to determine hearing conservation needs. Based upon the findings OLAR employees will be placed in the hearing conservation program.
- There was a reminder that Friday is an in-service safety and health training day for Facilities Management employees.
- An environmental assessment was completed for the new Vivarium Annex. The EA has been posed online and will be available for public review for 30 days. The new vivarium will be designed to have an A-BSL3 laboratory. The building has been design to be LEED Certified. Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies intended to improve performance in metrics such as energy savings, water efficiency, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

## **Rena Bouchal**

- Ruby has submitted a certificate of need for a new clinical lab facility for Histology and Pathology. They are looking to construct a new building that will house the morgue and the clinical labs near the NIOSH facility.
- The morgue is still waiting on Facilities Management to retrofit the fume hood in order to contain formalin fume over-exposure.

## • **Patrick Callery**

- There was discussion regarding the need for Pharmacy students to receive additional safety and health training relating to working with animals.
  - There was a discussion on adding additional animal handler training to New Student Ordination that is conducted each summer.

## • **Brenda Moran**

- Brenda noted that her area had experienced issues with a disgruntled employee and wanted to know how to deal with a person who shows aggression towards others in the workplace and how to restrict him/her from certain areas.
  - Lt. White noted that his office was aware of the situation and told her they could discuss additional options following the meeting.

## • **Lt. White**

- There has been a recent increase in thefts in the HSC. He reminded everyone to be alert on how you store personal items. Cell phones, iPods, and hand bags are the items of interest.
  - Stephanie suggested that they put out an announcement on the HSC list serve reminding employees and students to be prudent. She will work on developing an article.

## • **Kevin Simpkins**

- He asked how to dispose of pasteur pipettes.
  - Andy committed that they can go into the biohazard sharp container.

## • **Andy Cockburn**

- He conducted Biohazard Training in the Cancer Center labs.
- He wanted to let everyone know that WVU follows WV state laws when it comes to biohazard waste.

## • **Teresa Fisher**

- The Radiation Safety had a state Inspection.
- The new Gamma Knife is up and running. It had its first week of patients.

## • **Jeff Kerns**

- The Board and Risk Management Inspection Report has been received.
- The Biomedical facility first floor build out is coming along, it is almost finished.

- Due to the recent event at Notre Dame where a student videographer fell to his death when the wind blew over a tower, he was wondering if WVU has a policy on working in high winds.
  - Stephanie said she would check in the Universities Fall Protection Standard.
- **Franks Ali**
  - Frank and Dr. Wimsatt are reviewing issues in the new addition. The Safety Office will help with the signage and Jeff will provide assistance relating to some fire alarms issues.
  - Frank has submitted staff names for the Hearing Protection Program.
  - Eyewashes in the older sections of the vivarium still need to be replaced or removed. The ACU cited them for this as a longstanding and continuing issue.

**Next Meeting is Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 1:30 in the War Room.**