



## Health Sciences Safety Committee

### *Meeting Agenda*

Thursday, October 27, 2011

**1:30-2:30**

In Attendance:

Frank Ali, Rena Bouchal, Kim Bryner, Patrick Callery, Nina Clovis, Teresa Fisher, Beth O'Neil

Kim Bryner conducted the meeting. Stephanie Graham-Sims was unavailable.

Kim Bryner discussed the following:

- Stephanie is on a conference call responding to a Department of Education information request.
- There is an additional AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on the HSC campus. It was purchased by the HSC library.

The Safety Office is now aware of six AEDs at the HSC.

- Two AEDs located near and in OLAR
- Two in Dentistry
- One in Student Health at the HSC
- One in the library

The Safety Office is trying to determine if there are other AEDs located within the HSC and is working to have the locations identified on the building maps.

- When a department purchases a new AED, they need to notify Stephanie Graham-Sims and she will then provide the information to Roger Wright of Environmental Health & Safety who maintains the campus-wide list. All departments with AEDs must comply with the WVU AED policy. The policy can be found at: <http://ehs.wvu.edu/r/download/70477>
- EH&S on the main campus met with the WV Department of Environmental Protection in response to the recent inspections at Engineering and Clark Hall. The DEP expects WVU to be the leader in environmental compliance in the state and will continue to inspect WVU. The Safety Office reminds departments that it anticipated that the DEP will be conducting unannounced inspections at the HSC in the near future.

- We are working with Facilities Management to get issues improved in the basement area as it related to chemical and oil storage.
- In response to an employee fall in the parking lot, the Safety Office worked with Roads and Grounds and Parking & Transportation to fill pot holes and make improvements to the area where trees were removed last year. Several improvements were made to the parking areas recently to enhance pedestrian safety.
- The renewed WVU Parking and Transportation plan is online and open for comment if anyone is interested.
- The traffic light was installed at area 80. The light has sensors so when no one is attempting to exit area 80, the light will stay green on Van Voorhees.
- Pre-bid meetings for the new Animal Facility Annex will begin next week.
- The glycol/water mystery on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor HSN was identified and corrected.
- There was a concern about the potential of bed bugs in an office at HSC. No bedbugs were confirmed, but a light extermination and extensive cleaning of the office was completed.
- Facilities Management has contacted Orthopedics regarding the instillation of a refrigerator alarm.

Rena Bouchal:

Still no definite word on the new location of the Morgue. Possibly at the Research park. They are waiting until the new 100 bed tower for Ruby is completed before making a decision.

Beth O'Neil:

Lab 2155 still needs the fire extinguisher mounted on the wall, and all extinguishers should be checked monthly.

Teresa Fisher:

The State Inspectors visited the Radiation Safety Department this week.

Everything went well.

The Department of Energy contractors are evaluating the current security systems.

They will need updated, possibly with retinal scanners and cameras.

Radiation Safety has been in contact with EH&S on the Main Campus to check if there is a policy/SOP for handling earthen materials from the farm that are being used in a project to make clay (exposure to naturally occurring radionuclides found in the Earth). Are dust/surgical masks all the PPE required? Still waiting for a response.

Frank Ali:

Animal Care and Use Committee Facility inspections took place this month.

Overall, they went very well.

The bids are out for the new Animal Facility.

All eyewashes in the Vivarium at the HSC have been installed except for those in the TCAF. Strobe lights for this area have not been installed to date.

Pat Callery:

The new eyewashes and safety showers in the Graduate Student lab have been installed by Facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

Next meeting Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 1:30