

**SCIENCE SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes****Date: 10.23.2024****Time: 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM****Location: BI-104****Committee Chair:** Michael DeSalvio**Committee Co- Chair:** Benjamin Virzi /Amber Adams**Committee Members Present:** Jeremy Dodsworth, James Pelley, Douglas Smith, Guillermo Escalante, Ken Shultz, David Maynard, Jason Burke.**Committee Members Not Present:** Christina Hassija, Cynthia Crawford, Beth Jaworski, Clair Todd, Bo Xu, Mahmood Nikbakhtzadeh, Pinthusorn Pattayakorn, Sastry Pantula, Susana Henriquez, Terezie Tolar Peterson, Thomas Benson.

Minutes prepared by: Amber Adams

Meeting Called to Order:

Michael DeSalvio called the meeting to order at 11:03 A.M.

Introductions

The committee introduces themselves stating name, title, and department.

**Chemical Hygiene Report
Fume Hoods and Fume Hood Inspections**

Chemical Hygiene officer Benjamin Virzi led the conversation with the committee regarding the following items:

- RSS update is now live.
- Hazard Assessments are at 98 % completion.

- 5 are expired **Action Item:** Benjamin Virzi will send an email to those who are not compliant.
- Chemical inventories -182 open findings.
- **Action Item:** Doug Smith requested Benjamin Virzi to cc the chairs on open findings email communications.
- Trending findings - **Action Item** wet work no PPE no googles Benjamin Virzi to send email to Doug Smith regarding the laboratory that was not complying.
- Hazardous Waste tentative pick-up set for December 2024. Benjamin Virzi will provide and update the team regarding pickup dates and times.

Lab Safety Week

Michael DeSalvio discussed Lab Safety Week (Feb 10-14). EHS in partnership with the committee are looking to host an interactive spill clean-up demo, RSS Bootcamp workshops, and planning to cater lunch for the event. The committee was asked to communicate with others who may be interested in joining our planning team.

Autoclave Incident Recap

Jason Burke provided a recap and outlined corrective actions that were implemented to prevent a similar incident from occurring. These actions included staff training and updates to the standard operating procedures.

Student Lab Safety Training

Michael DeSalvio provided an update on we have a new 5-module lab safety course ready to be deployed to students. This content will likely be suitable to replace existing training content currently in use by instructors, hopefully freeing them up to focus more on site-specific training.

Open Forum

During open forum the committee discussed the following items:

Action Item: Benjamin Virzi will partner Ken Shultz regarding RSS findings.

Michael DeSalvio provided an update regarding student training Bridge will be expiring in December 2025. EHS Management will be working with IT to implement Canvas courses.

Adjournment

The Science Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:47A.M.