

San Jose State University
College of Science Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 13, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.

ISB 132 / Zoom

Membership: Christopher Smallwood (Physics), Philip Dirlam (Chemistry), Minghui Diao (Meteorology), Sayma Akther (Computer Science), Andrea Gottlieb (Math), David Ensminger (Biology), Nate Bogie (Geology), Sarah Smith (MLML), Randy Kirchner (CoS Safety), Victor Maraschin (Radiation Safety), Petra Dekens (MLML), Skye Kelty (EH&S, Chemicals and Lasers), Miri VanHoven (CS, PD, MD, SA, AG, DE, NB, SS, RK, VM, PD, SK, MVH)

Call to Order:

- Members present: CS, PD, RK, DE, AG, VM, SS, PD, SK, NB, MD, SA, MVH
- Members absent:

Minutes:

- Minutes for 12/10/2024 need to be approved.
 - Move to approve: PD
 - Approved? Yes

Announcements:

- With Garren Fisher's departure, Sarah Smith and Petra Dekens will take over the full responsibility of representing MLML on the committee.

Old/Recurring Business:

- (Miri) HVAC issues in ISB, DH, and Science. Status update?
 - HVAC in DH is extensive, everything has been repaired that is immediately possible, however the main steam heat exchange coil on the south side is blocked with hard water deposits and needs to be descaled or replaced.
- (Miri) Lab/shop transition plans. Any further discussion required?
 - Draft has been written and is going to be reviewed by Dean Kaufman. Anticipate next month.
- SOP requirements. Any further discussion required?
 - No discussion needed
- Li-ion battery failure and resulting fire in DH basement, EHS will be issuing guidelines on i) Li-ion battery charging, and also ii) reduction of office clutter Expect jan or spring.
 - No updates yet

New Business:

- PD: Fire Blankets? Do we need them in ISB Chemistry labs? (Note that you're not supposed to spray a human being with a fire extinguisher.)

- SK: Generally the recommendation is to use the safety shower. I'm not aware of any chemicals in ISB Chem labs that would require a fire blanket. But I'll look through the inventory to see if anything comes to mind.
- Skye and Phil will confer and get back to the committee if there is anything further to report.

Adjournment: 3:17 pm