

## SAFETY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Monday, July 9, 2007, 10:00 a.m., HR Services Conference Room, 207 Old Main

Minutes of Prior Meeting: The minutes from the May 14, 2007, meeting were approved as printed.

Status of Reimbursement for Paint-Damaged Coat: There are two issues: First, there are two individuals who sustained damage to their clothing from the paint - not just the one that Emily Okes and Steve Hensley were in contact with. Emily Okes agreed to contact the second individual and see if she wished to participate in reimbursement for damages to clothing. She will report back. Second, Dale Osburn stated that Physical Plant will ensure that the various construction crews understand that not only visual but physical barriers must be placed around painting and other construction sites and must be maintained until the areas are safe to enter.

Temperatures in the College of Science: Ashok Vaseashta raised issues with regard to temperatures in the College of Science. He states that some doors are being propped open against regulations and some windows are being kept open. Both create a hazard in the event of fire. Dale Osburn stated that individuals need to call Physical Plant's work order number when there are problems with air conditioning or heating. He states that many times they will not know what is going on unless someone calls it in. Brian Carrico states that he will do a walk-through in the College of Science. Ashok stated that the issue with windows and doors is principally on the second floor.

Improper Storage of Chemicals in College of Science: Ashok Vaseashta raised issues with regard to improper storage of chemicals such as isopropyl alcohol. Isopropyl alcohol is supposed to be kept in a locked cabinet but is routinely out in the open in the Chemistry Lab. Brian Carrico stated that he would check on this. Brian further states that the Department of Homeland Security is proposing substantial additions to the list of chemicals that colleges and universities must account for. He mentioned 352 additional chemicals. He stated that the proposal was receiving opposition because of the burden it would impose on colleges and universities to comply.

Status of Driver Training Course: Brian Carrico reported on the status of required driver training as a result of BRIM requirements. He stated that BRIM had not renewed its contact with the Smith Company and was not continuing to offer the driver training course that is necessary to use a University fleet vehicle or to be reimbursed for business use of the personal vehicle. Brian states that he is working with Computing Services to produce an on-line replacement for the former module that will feature automatic transmission of names of those completing the course to him and to Jim Terry. He said he would report later on the progress of this effort.

Welcome Back and Best Wishes: Jim Stephens welcomed Pete Divers back to the committee from his absence and expressed best wishes to Ashok Vaseashta who would probably begin an assignment away from the institution, prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Safety Committee.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 25, 2007, 10:30 a.m., HR Services Conference Room, 207 Old Main.