

San Jose State University
College of Science Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 8, 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: 3:03pm

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

Minutes:

- Minutes for 4/10/2025 need to be approved.
 - Move to approve: SS, 2nd SA
 - Approved? So Approved

Announcements:

- (Miri) Duncan Hall heaters on the south side of the building are (sort of) fixed.
 - Fixed and functioning but there is one last thing that will be done to “future proof”.

Old/Recurring Business:

- (Chris) Update on Lab Safety Training Discussion Subcommittee. Sarah, Phil, David, and Chris met up after the last full committee meeting to follow up, and then Chris followed up over email with Skye. We'd like to discuss as a full committee whether something like the training opportunities below might be useful to incorporate into CoS planned events and/or EH&S resources?:
 - Laboratory Safety Onboarding Training for New PIs?
 - Optional centralized in-person (preferred) or synchronous (also good) general lab safety awareness training for students.

Skye has a slide deck that may be useful to imaging starting with as a template and has also put together some [notes on how an event might be organized](#).

- CS: Question from Physics – Pros/Cons of running separate trainings in CoS and ENG?
- SS: Would like to have the general safety training and related documentation allow for improved efficiency in terms of paperwork/administrative
- PD: Can we extend time that chemical safety training is valid?

- SK: It is valid for 3 years
 - PD: Unaware of this, currently Chemistry students have been required to renew Chemical Safety Training annually.
- SS: Differentiation between training for students in teaching lab course setting vs. student researchers. The centralized in-person training opportunity would be a better fit for student researchers.
 - SK: Would like to know the headcount of the two different groups of students.
- MMLM could function as a good test for implementing in-person training focused on student researchers.
- (Miri) Lab/shop transition plans. Status update?
 - It is written, EHS has reviewed, Dean is still working on details and in the meantime it has been distributed to Dept Chairs.

Adjournment: 3:33 pm