

To accompany minutes of March, 1985

MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE -- SAFETY, SECURITY AND FIRE PREVENTION

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OBSERVERS:

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MINUTES OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD MARCH 26 AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE BOARD AND SENATE ROOM

Adoption of the minutes

Mr. Herbert moved, seconded by Ms Flores, that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted. The motion PASSED.

A. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1. Lasserre Building Update

Mr. Herbert told the committee that he had met with the head of the Lasserre safety committee, Charles Tiers, to discuss the concerns of the building's fire problems. As a result of the meeting, Mr. Herbert recommended that Mr. Tiers contact Assistant-Chief Affleck of the Fire Department to arrange a tour of the building and point out the problems. The tour has been done.

- + The committee will hear Assistant-Chief Affleck's report at the next meeting.

2. Refrigerators and D/A/B committees.

Mr. Grant related that he had 3 fruitful meetings with the chairpersons of the Department/Area/Building Committees. A report concerning the meetings is being written up and will be circulated to the committee members.

Mr. Grant explained concerns about refrigerators in labs, objects stored in them, ways attempted to circumvent the ordering of the proper units, and problems in converting domestic units to requirements for lab use. Referring to this committee's recommendations of July, 1984, he stressed that a policy must be set up and enforced concerning the proper storage units.

Discussion followed on how to determine when office space becomes a lab, whether or not food could be stored in the same unit as chemicals, and if consuming food in labs was wise, or legal. We were told there were regulations to be followed. Monitoring such practices belongs to the department heads.

The committee was told that the cost of suitable units for labs was 3 times the cost of domestic ones. Requisition forms not meeting the requirements in Purchasing, or ordering the wrong units, would be returned to the department.

Mr. Harper pointed out that there was no point in debating the issue since the regulations were set up. We must support the Fire Department.

Dr. Farmer pointed out that it is not "explosion proof" refrigerators that we want, such as those used in an oil refinery where they must be protected from explosion from the outside. Instead, we needed "flammable liquid storage refrigerators, or containers," that are protected from explosions from the inside.

3. Occupational Health and Safety Committee

Mr. Grant announced that he had reviewed the minutes of 1984 to see which items needed to be finished and which ones were to go to the policy manual. The matter of refrigerators seemed to be the only item needing current attention.

He told the committee that he is sending out the documents concerning the director and new structure of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee to the unions on campus. He will ask that they let him know if their members will continue on the committee or if they will choose alternates.

To date, there have been 3 UBC applicants for the position of the director of the new committee. There have been applications from Vancouver Island, Alberta and Ontario for the position as well. The decision of whether the position should be for an industrial hygienist or a specialist in radiation protection has not been made. Once that is decided, the choice of the applicant will be made. Mr. Grant said that April was the deadline for the choice but it will be extended.

When the committee was asked whether there should be a joint meeting of old and new members, Mr. Napier replied that it is important that the new members know the history of the committee. He pointed out that there have been some long on-going problems. There seemed to be no need for the new members to approach them from the beginning. Mr. Bless added that continuity is important. He felt that a few old members continuing on the committee would ensure that the experience would not be lost. In that case, he said, there was no need for a joint meeting.

Miss Rumen, Ms Flores, Mr. Bless and Dr. Farmer all indicated that they were willing to continue to serve on the committee. Mr. Grant said the unions would decide who would serve them as representatives.

- + At Mr. Harper's request, Mr. Grant agreed to circulate the resumes of the applicants to the committee members.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Accident and Industrial Disease Report

Mr. Herbert presented the report for February to the committee. He pointed out that the use of two asterisks indicated that the claim was disallowed. This would balance the figures in the columns. He discussed adding Locations to the information sheet with the person who designed the program. He indicated there should be no problem in including it in the form. He offered that they would give it a test run before changing the form.

Mr. Herbert noted that Food Services had done well during the previous month, but this month the accidents, mainly cuts, had increased. This month, Physical Plant deserved words of praise. He reported that a power saw accident at the Research Forest resulted in one worker receiving 37 stitches in the thigh.

Mr. Grant commented on the poor attendance at this meeting. The secretary insisted that although distributing the minutes and agendas to the committee members was her responsibility, because each member had a list of the dates of meetings, attendance became each member's responsibility.

2. Safety Shoes

In response to Mr. Sloan's request for information regarding safety shoes, Mr. Grant suggested that he: 1. check his union contract, and, 2. let Mr. Grant know how many shoes were needed and the cost. Mr. Napier indicated this was a concern in Physical Plant as well.

+ Mary Flores offered to look into the matter for Housing.

Mr. Grant pointed out that there was no space on the Accident and Industrial Disease Report for foot injuries. Others added that when one slips, it is the back or arm that may be injured.

Mr. Grant offered that there were two levels of expectation to be investigated here, one of management expecting the employees to dress appropriately and the other of employees expecting management to provide safety protection.

+ Mr. Grant agreed to ask the University to review the matter of appropriate safety apparel and decide on a policy. He will report back on this next month.

Adjournment

Ms Flores moved that the meeting be adjourned.

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MARCH 26, 1985

10:30 - 12:00

BOARD AND SENATE ROOM

AGENDA

Adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Adoption of the JULY, 1984 minutes

A. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Flammable liquids (Mr. Haller)
2. Traffic Light at University Boulevard and Westbrook (Mr. Haller)
3. Lasserre Update (Mr. Herbert)
4. Refrigerators and D/A/B committees (Mr. Grant)
5. Occupational Health and Safety Committee (Mr. Grant)

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Accident and Industrial Disease Report (Mr. Herbert)
2. Traffic and Security Report (Mr. Slavens)
3. Transportation of dangerous goods (Assistaht-Chief Affleck)

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