

From: Barry Ritchie
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2014 11:03 AM
To: William Petuskey
Cc: Debra Murphy; Leon Igras; John Riley
Subject: RE: Recommendations for Establishing a University Safety Committee

The Provost has approved the enabling Senate motion, so this can proceed.

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From: William Petuskey
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 10:08 AM
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Dear Barry,

The EH&S Policy group met with stakeholders and the University Senate to communicate emerging needs for reinforcing a culture of laboratory safety. Plenty of progress has been made on the issue of safety culture since it was first introduced by EH&S in Spring 2013. After broad outreach to stakeholders, I am pleased to inform you that the University Senate and the Policy Committee have both endorsed the concept, and recommend implementation, of a University Safety Committee as a Provost sanctioned committee that will be operationally supported by OKED. This is meant to be a committee comprising tenured faculty with supporting participation from EH&S and OKED at the senior level.

The committee will be charged first with refining the committee's mission and responsibilities (to be submitted to you as a recommendation). It will be responsible for supporting research and teaching activities, and for providing oversight for areas involving primarily chemical and facility (e.g. furnaces, lathes, etc.) safety in areas not already overseen by the University to ensure that the campus community has:

- Familiarity with Campus Safety issues and lab safety requirements
- Knowledge of the institutional regulatory climate
- Ready access to peer institutions safety programs
- Significant understanding of safety culture and its incorporation into ASU
- Responsibility for Accident Investigation

When we have your authorization to proceed, we will begin connecting with the most affected units to request their nomination of faculty to serve on the committee. We are interested in your thoughts and recommendations.

Thanks.

Bill

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