

Minutes
CAHNRS Safety Committee
March 9, 2016 11:00 AM

- 1) Meeting minutes for February 10, 2016 meeting approved.
- 2) Tom Ebeling shared information regarding the laboratory safety surveys.
 - Chris Keene is new VP of Research
 - EH&S developed 5 focus areas, which were included in the letter from the Co-Provost. (this can be found attached in email or at <http://ehs.wsu.edu/labsafety/focusareas.html>)

2016 Commitment to Laboratory Safety and Five Focus Areas:

- i. **Store chemical waste in appropriate, properly labeled containers**
 - ii. **Evaluate procedures for handling glassware, needles, scalpels, microtomes, and other sharp objects.**
 - iii. **Replace mercury containing devices.**
 - iv. **Remove unnecessary equipment and containers from fume hoods to minimize negative impacts on air flow.**
 - v. **Maintain access to emergency equipment (e.g. eyewashes, emergency showers, fire sprinklers, fire extinguishers).**
- They are asking departments to distribute the letter and lab managers and were to have this posted in labs by Friday, March 11th.
 - EH&S will begin to check around and see if they can assist with anything in labs to ensure safety. These aren't expectations, but the goal is to provide support and assistance as needed. These will be scheduled and informal. These visits are to be quick and focused.
 - These visits are not to be limited to the 5 areas, but available for questions and conversations.
 - This will be extended to campus buildings, not limited to labs.
 - Clark & Food Science will be the first buildings.
 - Training opportunities are available for the 5 focus areas and emergency procedures. If interested, let EH&S know.

Timeline:

- 2016 focusing on 5 areas and gather data to see how it's going and where we are at.
- 2017- move on to more areas.