

Meeting date: 20 February 2024

Meeting place: 1593-226

Meeting subject: Work environment committee meeting

Attendees: Bjarke Rolighed Jeppesen (BRJ), Ken Howard (KH), Dennis Wilkens Juhl (DWJ), Janni Nielsen (JN), Annette Wandahl (minute taker, (AW)), Lise Refstrup Linnebjerg Pedersen (deputy chairman, LRLP), Carsten Pedersen, Jeppe Kristensen (JK), Lutz Lammich (LL)

Regrets: Thomas Vosegaard (chairman, TV), Morten Foss (MF)

1. Approval of agenda and minutes from the last meeting
The agenda and the minutes were both approved without comments. DWJ mentioned that the committee can always find the minutes on Labbook before the meetings.

2. New LAMU organisation
DWJ presented the new LAMU organisation and welcomed the only new member of the committee; Lutz Lammich. It was decided that LRLP continues as deputy chairperson, while AW continues as secretary.

As the calendars of the committee members are filling up quickly, two more committee meetings have already been scheduled before the summer holidays.

3. Physical folder with documents for Arbejdstilsynet
The Chemistry Department has made a physical folder that contains the most relevant documents, e.g. WPA plans, general risk assessments, etc., when receiving a visit by Arbejdstilsynet. The committee agreed that such a folder would be very helpful to have in case of a visit. DWJ will be responsible for making a draft folder before the next meeting. Also, DWJ mentioned that AU has a page about the procedure for visits by Arbejdstilsynet, and that should he be detained elsewhere, when Arbejdstilsynet pays us a visit, other members of the committee would have to conduct the visit, and everyone should therefore know the procedure.

4. Green transition in lab by Janni
JN just attended a course for laboratory technicians and one of the most important take-home messages from the course was that laboratories should become more sustainable and climate friendly. By addressing 14 topics and undergoing a certification process, laboratories may obtain a so-called "green lab certification in either gold, silver or



bronze. The private foundations may make such a green lab certification a requirement for awarding of funding, and KU has already implemented the certification. It was suggested that the different research groups should start to prepare for this kind of certification, and in the process the common facilities should also be taken into account. The committee agreed that the management and the VIPs should be informed about the green lab certification model.

5. iNANO online safety quiz/introduction quiz

Based on the feedback received following the distribution of the quiz to the entire house, it has been decided to change the name to "introduction quiz" and that everyone who wants access to the building should take the quiz. Also, the quiz has generally been well received, but several comment on the fact that the quiz is too easy. The committee discussed this feedback and decided that some of the easiest questions should be modified. In addition, a couple of new questions about topics currently missing will also be added. MF will introduce the students to the quiz during the bachelor workshop. It was agreed that if the quiz undergoes major changes, it should be sent out again. Otherwise, it should be repeated every four or five years.

6. Ambitions of LAMU for the next three years

During this item DWJ presented the ambitions for the committee for the next three years. They are the following:

- General risk assessments at iNANO
- Getting ready for a visit from Arbejdstilsynet
- Improve the connection between LAMU and everyone working in the house.
- Safety service visits in the groups two times
- Slight update of the website (already planned by DWJ)

The committee members added that some of the issues discovered during the first two rounds of safety service visits are still pending and that it should be an ambition to solve these issues as well. Otherwise, the committee agreed with the mentioned ambitions.

7. AOB

Prior to the meeting the committee had received an email with various concerns about the safety of working in the building after hours from a staff member. The committee discussed the email and the concerns mentioned at length. The concerns included the smell of chemicals in the corridors, general forgetfulness to push the green buttons to activate ventilation, and general questions about the logical of the opening hours. Following the discussion, the committee agreed on some recommendations that DWJ will make to the management, including moving of the green buttons to the corridors, a reconsideration of the

opening hours and repeated reminders about the opening hours to both staff and students.

Additionally, the committee discussed the recent email about toilet manners, which was unfortunately not very well received by the organisation. It was decided that in future emails sent on behalf of LAMU should be circulated for approval by the committee with 24 hours' notice.

8. Next LAMU meeting

The next LAMU meeting has already been scheduled for 7 May 2024.