

Meeting date: 23 May 2022

Meeting place: 1590-213

Meeting subject: Work environment committee meeting

Attendees: Bjarke Rolighed Jeppesen (BRJ), John Lundsgaard Hansen (JLH), Jeppe Kristensen (JK), Ken Howard (KH), Morten Foss (MF), Dennis Wilkens Juhl (DWJ), Janni Nielsen (JN), Annette Wandahl (minute taker, (AW)), Thomas Vosegaard (chairman, TV), Lise Refstrup Linnebjerg Pedersen (deputy chairman, LRLP),

Regrets: Troels Skrydstrup (TS)

1. Approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without any comments.
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting on 30 March 2022
MF apologized for the minutes being sent out only a couple of days prior to the meeting and invited comments to be submitted after the meeting.
3. APV follow-up
LRLP shared her notes from an AU workshop on how to make WPA actions plans with the rest of the committee. Following LRLP's presentation, the committee decided to establish a work group that should follow up on the decision to establish subgroups made by the LSU and LAMU committees earlier in May. The work group will consist of MF, LRLP, KH and BRJ and its task will be to establish subgroups with the relevant themes and maybe also suggest members of the subgroups. It was decided that LRLP should be responsible for setting up the meetings in the work group.
4. The responsibility of follow-up on the expiration date of safety equipment in labs
Following a short introduction to this agenda item, the committee discussed who should be responsible for the emergency equipment in the laboratories such as fire extinguishers, eye flush bottles and fire blankets as it is unclear at the moment. It was agreed that LAMU should check the status of these emergency items in connection with the safety service visits and that the check-up should be part of the discussion list. However, it should be noted that LAMU will check the status of the eye flush bottles, but the groups are responsible for buying new ones.
5. Accessibility at iNANO for disabled (wheelchairs, etc)
The committee discussed accessibility for disabled people to the iNANO House. There are several issues, i.e. the front doors are not easy to handle and the stage of the auditorium can only be reached with great difficulty if you are in a wheelchair.

TV commented that it is very expensive to install a lift that goes all the way down to the stage of the auditorium, and it would mostly likely only be used very rarely, but accessibility for disabled inside the building is a larger issue



and should be solved. TV has agreed with Bent Lorenzen that an automatic door will be installed at the main entrance. The task has been initiated, but the installation time is still unknown.

6. Emergency phones/system in the basement

Currently, there is no mobile signal in the basement, only a Wi-Fi signal, which means that you cannot use your phone if you are in the basement unless it is on Wi-Fi. In case of a fire, this could constitute a problem as it is well known that the electricity is one of the first things to be affected by a fire. Without electricity, there is no Wi-Fi, which means there is a potential risk of being caught down in the basement without being able to communicate with the outside world.

Due to this potential risk there was consensus in the committee that it should be looked into whether emergency phones have been installed in other departmental basements and at what cost. It was, therefore, decided that MF should consult Bent Lorenzen and Peter Hald on this issue.

7. Safety course for students

In the physical WPA a request for a safety introduction when joining a research group was put forward, which is a good opportunity to review the status of a safety course for students and employees. The committee discussed that a safety course should be available for everyone both staff and students and that the safety course offered by the Chemistry department is the most extensive one and should thus be the course recommended. TV should check with the Chemistry department whether all new iNANO students and staff may attend their course. If so, the group leaders should be informed about this possibility.

Also, it was discussed that the checklist for safety intro for new group members should be mandatory for all groups and that the groups should store the signed checklists, which are to be reviewed in connection with the annual safety service visits. It was agreed that the participation in a safety course should be part of the checklist and that there would be several options (no applicable/in progress/signed up/not attended)

8. Handling of gas cylinders

Recently, a course on the handling of gas cylinders was held by René Randers from Air Liquide. He gave some good advice and several people attended. However, a tour of the basement together with him revealed that there are problems with the storage of flammable gasses in the engineering corridor. The current storage in the corridor is not allowed as it is impossible to remove the bottles during a fire. Also, the joints of the gas bottles are not welded as they should be. Clearly we must solve the problem of how to storage flammable gas bottles correctly, and TV suggested that the committee should find out what the rules are and make the groups comply. MF and DWJ volunteered for this task.

9. Labcoats, gloves, and eye protection

As there are some issues with people wearing lab coats and gloves in the foyer and corridors, the guidelines for the use of lab coats and gloves in the foyer, corridors and in GMO labs should be refreshed. The committee agreed that an

e-mail containing the guidelines should be sent to the safety contact persons.

10. Safety service visits

All the groups on the initial list have had a visit. A few visit minutes are yet to be finalized. The groups of Anja Mudring, Jan Skov Pedersen Torben Rene Jense, Liv Hornekær and Annette W (student helpers) are still to receive visits and when the next round of safety service visits begins in the Autumn they will be the first ones on the list.

11. Next meeting

Lise will send out an Outlook invitation for a new meeting in August.

12. AOB

Nothing to report