

Work Health and Safety Committee Minutes - 31 March 2023

before their introduction. It was also requested that how compliance would be enforced among staff and how the changes would be incorporated into the operations of laboratories be addressed, taking costs and storage facilities into account. It was added that biologists should also be consulted on the proposals. It was agreed that the updated draft standard would be shared with the WHSC and be taken to the Academic Leadership Group.

- 40.3 Regarding minute 35.2: consider the role of departmental health and safety committees as part of the review of the WHSC and consider the contribution of faculty representatives in providing insight from the 'real world' of departments to the WHSC. The (Interim) Executive Director of Health and Safety reported that this had been considered, with the membership of the new Work Operational Health and Safety Sub-committee (WOHSS) including faculty representatives.

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Part II: Strategic Items for Discussion

41 Lung Function Testing (Paper 5-25)

41.1 Ms Prisca Masama presented a paper on restarting lung function testing (LFT) at UCL Workplace Health.

41.2 Workplace Health had stopped carrying out lung function testing (LFT) at the beginning of the pandemic due to the potential risk of transmission of COVID-19 during the procedure. Testing restarted on 6 February 2023 following HSE guidance and a risk assessment shared on riskNET. Monthly data would be added to the health and safety report presented to WHSC/UMC.

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44 Items for discussion from the Trade Unions

44.1 There were none.

45 Safety communications plan (Paper 5-28)

45.1 The (Interim) Executive Director of Health and Safety presented a paper on a safety communications plan for recurring and ad hoc communications.

45.2 The Deputy Convenor proposed a 'See it. Say it. Sorted' style memorable message to promote a positive UCL-wide culture, including safety. The Chief People Officer suggested this could be tied in with the 'active bystander' idea promoted by Security. The Chair, Infrastructure Safety Sub-Committee added that a digital platform for mobile devices could be used. The Media Relations appointed person recommended the involvement of Communications and Marketing.

45.3 An appointed member expressed thanks for all the support received from Safety Services in managing incidents in riskNET. Another appointed member had enjoyed the Departmental Safety Officer (DSO) Forum on 9 March and hoped there would be termly forums in the future.

Part III: Other Business for Approval or Information

46 Any other business

46.1 There was none.

The meeting finished at 2.45pm.

Jonathan Blackman