



UC Irvine Campus Wide Laboratory Safety Committee

Vision

The Laboratory Safety Committee (LSC) serves as the catalyst and driving force behind a culture of laboratory safety that integrates health and safety into all aspects of the University's research and teaching laboratory operations and programs.

Charge

The Laboratory Safety Committee is charged with continuously improving and fostering the lab safety culture at UCI. The LSC evaluates the current state of campus laboratory safety programs including campus policies and procedures for the safe acquisition, storage, use, and disposal of hazardous materials. The LSC will assess and improve the following program areas of the Laboratory Safety Program:

- Communications with the Research Community;
- Training Programs and Resources;
- Laboratory Hazard Assessments;
- Develop, recommend, update, and maintain policies applicable to the health and safety of laboratory workers;
- Laboratory Design;
- Incident review and Lessons Learned;
- Explore Special Program Areas (e.g., high hazard operational areas, visitor/volunteers, reproductive health, and third-party use of campus facilities).

In addition to providing oversight and guidance, the LSC has the authority to recommend to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost to modify, suspend, revoke, and terminate any laboratory activities that are deemed to pose an unacceptable risk to life or health.

Reporting

The Committee advises and reports to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost through the Vice Chancellor of Research and the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration (DFA).

Meetings

Meetings will be held quarterly. Each meeting will be scheduled for 1.5 hours.

Attendance:

Appointees should attend at least 50% of the meetings (alternates are acceptable).

Membership Term:

Membership is for a minimum period of two (2) years. This may be extended by agreement with the committee chair(s) and member. Replacements should be provided to the committee chair(s) prior to leaving the committee.

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