

BANGOR UNIVERSITY

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 31st January 2018

Present: Prof. P Spence(Chair), Mr S Barnard, Miss S Barnes, Mrs T Hibbert, Mr A Jones, Mrs M Lake, Dr J Latchford, Ms C Monks, Mr D Owen, Miss E Riches, Mr S Roberts, Prof. C Tully, Mrs E Parry Williams, Mr G W Jones (Secretary)

developed.

- The workplace radon action levels reduced from 400 Bq m³ (measured DV μ Z R U V W X Y Z) to 300 Bq m³ (averaged over a year). A review of all previous radon results has been undertaken to identify measurements close to the new action level in order to establish further actions.
- vi. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and Counter Terrorism Wales Inspection: 7 KH D Q Q X D O L Q V S H F W L R Q R I W K H μ V H D O H C received indicating there were no issues
- vii. Radiography Wrexham School of Healthcare Sciences Dr Darren Wood formally appointed as the new RPS for the facility

529(b) Chemical and Biological Health and Safety Subcommittee Report

The Subcommittee met on the 18 January 2018. The following key items noted:

- i. Work Involving Genetically Modified Organisms The Committee received a report from the Local Committee for Genetic Modifications held on 15 January 2018. Currently, there are 25 Projects involving GMO; with a further two Projects pending dependent on successful funding. With the exception of one project, all GM projects are Class 1 or involve modifications that do not require notification to the HSE.
- ii. Notification of Substances with Additional Controls The Biological Safety Officer is to write to relevant College staff asking them to declare what μ U H O H Y D Q W μ V M, including positive W/K/D if they hold any notifiable substances.
- iii. Health Surveillance: The number of CNS staff receiving health surveillance is rising. This is due to increased animal work and the associated potential exposure to dander and other allergens, plus increased activity at Henfaes and Biocomposites facilities.
- iv. Accidents and Incidents A supplier is currently undertaking an investigation after a special J D V H V F \ O L Q G H U Z D V V X V S H F W E H C V gas was not oxygen free, as displayed) during an experiment. It was agreed contact other Universities for their own experiences with suppliers providing incorrect gases
- v. Health and Safety Executive (HSE) visit: The HSE GM Specialist Inspector, who undertakes inspections on behalf of the Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) is to visit on 27th February 2018. Trades Union officials are invited to meet with the Inspector if they wish. It was noted that a Senior HSE Inspector will accompany the GM Specialist.
- vi. Fumehood Operation and Certification Concerns were expressed that the number of fumehoods were not operating efficiently and the time taken to resolve the issues was increasing.
- vii. Property and Campus Services (PACS) The reduction in the number of PACS staff, particularly within the mechanical and electrical services services

- i. Due to resource implications within PACS, it was reported that some Maintenance Requests are taking many weeks to be resolved, resulting in items, including rubbish accumulating in communal areas, creating a potential hazard. The Acting Director of PACS agreed to raise the matter within the PACS Team. The Chair requested DO report back at the next H&S Committee.

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- ii. A concern was expressed regarding the Financial Sustainability Board (V) 6