Department of Physics and Astronomy  
Safety Committee Agenda and Notes  
September 15, 2023

Attendance  
Wang (Chair), Li, Robison, Schmitter, Smith

Call to Order  
Prof. Wang, Chairperson

Announcements
- Committee transitions
  - A. Robison new, replacing B. Afra
  - S. Pandey and F. Walz rotating off, new graduate student representatives TBD

Old Business
- Integrated Safety Plan (ISP)
  - 2022-2023 approved
  - Starting ISP process for 2023-2024 soon

- Summer 2023 update
  - SMAS research lab tour completed
  - DHS hazardous chemical report completed

- Injury report – review at November meeting

- Building Hazard Awareness – topics for future education and ISP inspections
  - Cylinders: transport, safety cap, proper storage, tip hazard
  - Laser safety
  - RA materials
  - Razor blades and cutters
  - Electrical cords and power strips (see above)
  - Chemical handling and disposal
  - BSL materials
  - Safer lifting techniques
  - PPE
    - Gloves
    - Dust mask
  - Trip hazards
  - Skateboards and other roller items in hallways
  - Other?
New Business
- Power strip safety guidelines from PUFD
  - The use of UL-Listed power strip is acceptable per code
  - The power strip must be plugged into an approved wall receptacle
  - Do not overload power strips, most are 15 amp (sum amps <15)
  - Note that an entire circuit might have multiple outlets feeding it
  - Power strips must not be piggybacked together
  - Power strip cords must not be pinched by furniture or run under carpet or doors

- Campus hazard awareness
  - Pedestrian safety (scooters and skateboards)
  - Slips, trips, and falls
  - Escaped liquids (leaks, floods)

- Other

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Next action steps:
- ISP self-audits sent to PIs (Andy)
- Lab tours, TBD Oct-Nov-Dec (Andy)
  - Includes EHS-led walk-throughs
- Next general committee meeting, TBA November 2023 (Prof. Wang and Andy)

Adjourn