

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**FWDC 9: The Restructuring of the Lab Safety Committee to incorporate the Radiation Safety Committee, meet federal guidelines for safety reporting, and provide a conduit for the Natural and Social Sciences Programs to ensure a voice in the University's Safety Program (Faculty Handbook Section [10.4.32](#))**

**Effective date:** Immediately

**Summary:** This document eliminates the Radiation Safety Committee, and incorporating its duties, by restructuring, into the Lab Safety Committee.

**Rationale:** The following changes need to be made to the Lab Safety Committee in order to meet federal guidelines for reporting and to bring it within the revised organizational structure of Campus Emergency Services Steering Committee. The Lab Safety Committee will provide a conduit for the Natural and Social Sciences Programs to ensure a voice in the University's Safety Program. The committee will also assume the responsibilities of the former Radiation Safety Committee.

**Delete 10.4.32:**

10.4.32 Radiation Safety Committee (SD8003S)

Purpose

The Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) manages UNC Asheville's radiation-emitting materials and radiation-producing equipment, such as the Mössbauer spectrometers, X-ray fluorescence spectrometers, biological radiation sources, and the powder X-ray diffractometer.

Membership

- Natural Sciences lab manager, who is also a member of the Energy and Safety Committee.
- All UNC Asheville faculty/staff who direct, oversee, or manage radiation-emitting materials and radiation-producing equipment
- One member is designated the Radiation Safety Officer by the RSC, who is responsible for interfacing with the North Carolina Division of Radiation Safety.

Membership and scope of the committee will be reported to the Faculty Welfare and Development Committee (FWDC).

Recommendations to: UNC Asheville Energy and Safety Committee

Reports to: Provost and VCAA

## **Replace with revised 10.4.32:**

### 10.4.32 Lab Safety Committee

#### Purpose

To ensure that UNC Asheville, as a state agency, adheres to all federal, state, and local environmental health and safety related statutes, regulations and guidelines in the operation of its teaching and research laboratories, studios and academic shops, and implements operational best practices to provide a safe and healthy working and learning environment for students, staff, and faculty. This committee will also provide a conduit to the University's Environmental Health and Safety Committee and its safety program for departments and programs operating any of the aforementioned facilities (currently ART, BIOL, CHEM, DRAM, ENG, ENVR, ESOP [Eshelman School of Pharmacy], HWP, and PHYS).

#### Duties

1. Review, understand, and ensure that local, state and federal EH&S guidelines, are implemented properly in academic laboratories, studios and shops.
2. Review all UNC Asheville EH&S policies and procedures directed toward academic laboratories, studios, and shops and make recommendations to ensure they are consistent with external regulations/guidelines and operationalized appropriately.
3. Discuss and understand new UNC Asheville EH&S policies and procedures and determine how to appropriately operationalize them in laboratory, studio and shop settings.
4. Participate in the production of laboratory, studio and shop safety manuals and educational materials.

#### Membership

- Academic Affairs Environmental Safety Professional
- Seven UNC Asheville faculty (ART, BIOL, CHEM, DRAM, ENVR, HWP, and PHYS) – chosen by their respective departments
- UNC Asheville laboratory managers, EPA non-faculty (currently two individuals)
- One ESOP faculty or staff – appointed by ESOP
- One ENG faculty or staff – appointed by Director of the Joint Engineering Program

Recommendations to: Academic Affairs Environmental Health and Safety Professional  
Reports to: the Dean of Natural Sciences