

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

FWDC 1: **Dissolving the Lab Safety Committee**
[\(SD1613F\)](#) [\(SD8003S\)](#) [Faculty Handbook Section 10.4.32](#)

Effective Date: Immediately

Summary: This document removes the Lab Safety Committee as a standing faculty committee.

Rationale:

The Laboratory Safety Committee consisting of representation from ART, BIOL, CHEM, DRAM, ENG, ENVR, HWP, PHYS, and PSYC was created to take over the regulatory responsibilities of the Radiation Safety Committee as well as to ensure compliance with all regulations and guidelines in the operation of teaching and research laboratories, studios, and academic shops. The University's Radiation License was terminated as of August 1, 2019 and formal academic laboratory safety programs have been established. The Environmental Health and Safety Professional will work with representatives of aforementioned academic departments to continue with the ongoing development of safety programs while representing laboratory safety on the University's Environmental Health and Safety Committee.

Revise Section 10.4.32:

10.4.32 Lab Safety Committee (**DISSOLVED**) ([SD1613F](#)) ([SD8003S](#)) (Formerly Radiation 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