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## Protocol Work Environment and Environmental Group

**Date:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2023

**Place:** MBW Runnströmsrummet

**Present:** Neus Visa, Maria Ekoff, Monika Björk, Martin Säflund, Munira Akhter, Roger Johansson, Claudia Arasa Cuartiella, Van Le Sabrie, Alexander Malmstedt

**Not present:**

### Agenda

#### 1. Selection of adjuster

Monika was chosen to adjust the minutes.

#### 2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

#### 3. Previous minutes

Van went through the previous minutes. The following items were commented on:

##### *Environment*

- Maria and Neus discussed if we should have two representatives for the environment. The discussion is ongoing and a decision will be made.

##### *Work environment*

- The third part of the harassment, sexual harassment, and victimization survey will be released soon. Van has compiled a list of personnel who will participate in the evaluation. The personnel will receive a link for the survey.
- In reference to the previous minutes regarding the fan replacements, Neus discussed issues related to fans and the work environment. We are currently implementing a reduction in the usage of fans after working hours. However, this reduction could potentially result in humidity problems and other health-related issues. This matter pertains to both the work environment and laboratory safety. Although we are committed to decreasing electricity consumption to minimize environmental impact, we must assess it in relation to the risks associated with the work environment. Van brought up that Administration have experienced cold. In relation to this, Maria also brought up that not all fans are replaced yet. We have additional fans designed to activate in case the primary fan malfunctions. A suggestion has been made to report any non-functioning fans to Akademiska Hus. So, they can come and check the fans.

#### **4. Annual plan for work environment**

- The administration will start the yearly updating of the relatives list.
- We will put together a group that could help update the action plan.

#### **5. Environment**

- The technical staff has been conducting an assessment of plastic recycling in the labs. The conclusions were that some of the labs do not have bins, while some have bins. There was a discussion about how many labs actually recycle plastics. The experience was that some of the labs use different methods of recycling, which could be an issue. A suggestion was made that every lab should have the same system for recycling and the same bins. Maria is going to bring a solution that should be used in all labs. A decision needs to be taken based on the economic costs.

#### **6. Work environment**

- Nothing to report.

#### **7. Fire safety**

- Nothing to report.

#### **8. Gender equality and equality**

- Nothing to report

#### **9. SAMIR Reports**

- There has been a SAMIR report from ECF. There had been an issue with the staff getting wrist and hand injuries from pushing and unlocking the cages. One reason is due to the heavy workload when colleagues is sick or on a leave. The suggestion is that Sandra Oerther needs to get more information about this issue. If it is and general issue, action must be taken to prevent this kind of work-related injuries.

#### **10. Information from the lab safety network at SU**

- Nothing to report

#### **11. Safety representative reports**

- Nothing to report.

#### **12. Other**

- The section for safety and environment at SU has put together a survey to understand how means of transport using lithium- ion batteries (such as bicycles, electric scooters or similar means of transport) should be stored, handled and charged in a safe manner. Maria has sent the out information.
- Monika discussed that the fan in the nitrogen room was broken and needs to be replaced. There is a portable fan in nitrogen room that needs to be turned on with the door open when filling nitrogen. A suggestion was made that it should be a sign

that says that the door should be open when filling nitrogen. Neus recommends to do a SAMIR-report about this issue. Roger has asked Akademiska hus to buy a new fan.

**13. The meeting was closed.**

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