

1st BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING 23rd Nov 2006 2PM
3rd Floor Library, Safety Office, James Lee Building

Agenda

Introduction Dr F Leung.

Paper 1. Terms of reference and membership of the Biosafety committee

Paper 2. (For Information and possible discussion)

A brief definition of Biosafety is included in what might be the front page of the committee WEB site. This paper also includes a review of current arrangements in HKU and a brief description of biosafety provision in 2 other Universities in Hong Kong. Examples of the regulations in Australia, the UK and the USA are presented in order to give a flavour of internationally accepted standards. (It should be noted that the standards in China are very much in line with those in the USA and in some instances are more demanding)

Paper 3. The mode of operation of the Biosafety Committee (Practical arrangements for overview of Biosafety).

Paper 4. Does the committee composition and its arrangements for managing Biosafety comply with NIH guidelines? What might be done to improve the situation?
See Appendix for NIH letter and a summary of the basic requirements.

Paper 5. Work plan for the committee. This paper presents some of the issues that will need to be dealt with in 2006/7 and a suggested timescale for the completing various policies, pieces of guidance and when implementation might be expected.

Paper 6. Is a document giving guidance on working with adeno-associated virus (AAV) that has been available for some time and is an example of the type of guidance document that will be produced for other virus vector systems.

Any Other Business.

Suggested Dates of Next Meetings.