



I. 1.5.11 Physical Safety Committee

Chapter 1 - Administration and Organization	Original Effective Date: June 2000
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Responsible Entity: Vice President for Facilities and Capital Planning	Date Last Revised: February 2024

II. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to define membership terms and conditions, leadership selection and charge of the Physical Safety Committee at UT Health San Antonio.

III. Scope

This Policy applies institution-wide to all current and prospective members of the UT Health San Antonio Physical Safety Committee and associated Environmental Health and Safety units.

IV. Policy

The Physical Safety Committee is required by University of Texas System Policy 174 Environmental Health and Safety.

A. Membership

1. One (1) faculty representative from the School of Health Professions
2. One (1) faculty representative from the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
3. One (1) faculty representative from the School of Dentistry
4. Two (2) faculty representatives from the Long School of Medicine
5. One (1) faculty representative from the School of Nursing

B. Ex-Officio Membership (without vote)

1. Assistant Vice President for Risk Management and Safety
2. Associate Vice President for Facilities Management or designated representative
3. Utilities Supervisor, Facilities Management, or designated representative
4. Representative, Environmental Health and Safety, Workers Compensation Division

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5. Chief, University Policy or designated representative
6. Veterinarian, Laboratory Animal Resources

C. Chair

The Assistant Vice President for Risk Management and Safety makes Chair and Vice Chair appointment recommendations from the membership to the Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs. The Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs will recommend to the President approval or disapproval for the appointment of the proposed Chair.

D. Charge

To serve in an advisory and consultative capacity to the President and Executive Vice President for Facilities Planning and Operations, and to advise the Environmental Health and Safety Office for matters pertaining to:

1. physical hazards;
2. provide systematic review and prevention analysis of injuries and illnesses reported through Workers' Compensation Insurance program;
3. provide systematic review analysis of the complaints or concerns pertaining to physical hazards;
4. monitor the Physical Safety Program within the Environmental Health and Safety Office;
5. review proposed physical safety policies promulgated by the Environmental Health and Safety Office;
6. advise on regulatory agency reviews relating to physical hazards, including life and fire safety codes; and,
7. to serve as an avenue of appeal in cases of dispute or exception.

E. Term of Membership

Members serve on the committee for a term of up to of three (3) years.

V. Definitions

There are no defined terms used in this Policy.

VI. Related References

University Texas System (UTS) Policy
[UTS 174 Environmental Health and Safety](#)

VII. Review and Approval History

The approving authority of this policy is the University Executive Committee.

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