



### 1.5.3 Chemical Safety Committee

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

#### I. Purpose

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

#### II. Scope

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

#### III. Policy

##### A. Membership

1. One (1) faculty representative from the School of Health Professions
2. Two (2) research faculty representatives from the Graduate School of Biomedical Science
3. Two (2) research faculty representatives from the School of Dentistry
4. Two (2) research faculty representatives from the Long School of Medicine
5. One (1) faculty representative from the School of Nursing
6. One (1) representative who is a veterinarian

##### B. Ex-Officio Membership (with vote)

1. Director, Environmental Health and Safety
2. Medical Director, Poison Control Center

##### C. Ex-Officio Membership (without vote)

1. Director, Drug Information Center

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#### D. Chair

The Assistant Vice President for Risk Management & 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.

#### E. Charge

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

1. the safe receipt, use, storage, and disposal of hazardous chemicals;
2. indoor environmental quality issues;
3. safety standards involving chemicals prior to promulgation and execution;
4. review and approve research projects involving carcinogenic and acutely toxic chemicals;
5. review plans for chemical safety and laboratory safety programs (those required and/or those not required by law or by granting/contracting agency) in order to determine their applicability to the research/training function of the Health Science Center; and
6. to serve as an avenue of appeal in cases of dispute and exception.

#### F. Term of Membership

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

### **IV. Definitions**

*There are no defined terms used in this Policy.*

### **V. Related References**

*There are no related documents associated with this Policy.*

### **VI. Review and Approval History**

- A. The approving authority of this policy is the University Executive Committee.
- B. The review frequency cycle is set for three years following the last review date, a time period that is not mandated by regulatory, accreditation, or other authority.

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