

Assurance Council



MINUTES

3/16/10

10:30

COMITIUM

MEETING CALLED BY	Bruce Chrisman			
TYPE OF MEETING	Fermilab Assurance Council			
FACILITATOR	Bob Grant			
NOTE TAKER	M. Tolian			
ATTENDEES	B. Chrisman C. Conger L. Hill R. Ortgiesen J. Cotton	B. Grant D. Carlson K. Van Vreede V. White E. Vokoun	A. Filak G. Leonard N. Grossman J. Eisenmenger N. Weed	B. Boroski G. Bock S. Holmes

Agenda topics

- Polling of Members for Management Issues
- Contractor Assurance "Peer Review" Process
- Update on Rewrite of the Policies

DISCUSSION

Management Issues –

C. Conger detailed an issue regarding Safeguards & Security direct vs. indirect costs. Safeguards & Security funds should all be direct, but 13 of 16 labs have been charging significant amounts to indirect costs. The cyber security portion of the Lab's costs was approved by DOE, so that shouldn't prove to be a problem. A summit is being organized on 4/14/10 to address this issue.

B. Chrisman has not been able to talk to Pier about the Chief Engineer position – will as soon as Pier is available.

Contractor Assurance –

B. Chrisman talked about the Contractor Assurance System meeting in Denver last week, where they changed the Steering Committee. Every lab now has a representative.

It is being modeled on a mission readiness approach.

He has the draft lines of inquiry. Doesn't feel it's as bad as it was prior to the first meeting. Reviews on a 3 year cycle. ORNL is scheduled on 5/10/10.

Need to formalize risk assessment. Many labs have an Office of Risk Assessment. Doesn't feel that we should have to go that far, but need more consistency in defining risk assessment, a standard list of risks, and better cataloging of risks.

FNAL is the last open laboratory, which comes with its own unique set of risks.

Rewrite of Policies – Move to next Assurance Council meeting.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

SPECIAL NOTES OR HANDOUTS

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