

Safety and Compliance Committees

Committee	Description	Meeting Frequency	Administered By	Regulatory Mandate
University Safety Council	The University Safety Committee (USC) is charged to promote university-wide safety awareness, establish best practices, provide guidance and review safety related policies, procedures and practices, and provide a forum to address complaints, violations and recommendations regarding safety related matters. The committee is further charged with the recognition of students, employees, agents and volunteer who make exceptional contributions to the reduction and control of education and employment-related accidents.	Quarterly	Office of the President	State of FL Risk Management
Employee Safety Committee	The FIU Employee Safety Committee (ESC) is responsible for advising the FIU University Safety Council on matters which impact the safety of faculty and staff. The responsibilities of the ESC include the following: review injury trends and causation factors; inspection, safety, and accident investigation reports; hazard reports and corrective actions; university policies, procedures, and training pertaining to employee safety; recognize employees who make exceptional contributions to safety in the workplace; provide a platform for employee safety and health concerns; escalate concerns, policy/procedures improvements, and safety initiatives/campaigns to the FIU University Safety Council for review and/or approval.	Quarterly	EH&S	State of FL Risk Management
Radiation Safety Committee	Oversees the procurement, handling, use, storage and disposal of radioactive materials/equipment in compliance with the FIU Broad Scope Radiation License.	2X/year	EH&S	Florida DOH Bureau of Radiation Control

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Laboratory Safety Committee	Oversees lab-related safety matters and facilitates the implementation and continuous compliance assurance of the Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200 and the Laboratory Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1450 (Chemical Hygiene Plan). Reviews escalated violations or controls needed specific to laboratory operations, hazardous chemical use and management, and regulatory compliance.	2X/year	Office of Research Integrity	State of FL Risk Management/ Recommended by APLU Council on Research Task Force
Scientific Boating Safety Committee	The committee consists of faculty and staff appointed by the Senior Vice President of Finance that provides guidance, recommendations and information with regard to establishing safe boating practices at FIU.	2X/year	Office of Research and Economic Development	46 CFR US Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; 33 CFR Navigation and Navigable Waters, Subchapter S, Boating Safety
Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee	Oversight and approval of all vertebrate and invertebrate animal use in teaching and research activities. The committee assures campus conformance to applicable regulations and policies that govern animal care & use.	2X/Year or more as needed	Office of Research Integrity	Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
Institutional Review Board (Health Sciences)	Oversees research involving human subjects.	1X/Month	Office of Research Integrity	US Department of Health & Human Services (45 CFR 46)
Institutional Review Board (Social Behavior)	Oversees research involving human behavioral studies	1x/Month	Office of Research Integrity	US Department of Health & Human Services (45 CFR 46)
Diving Control Board	Ensure the safety and welfare of all divers participating in FIU sanctioned scuba diving activities. This is done through medical screening, latest educational techniques, dive plans, dive safety standards and procedures toward accident prevention and management.	2x/Year	Office of Research and Economic Development	American Academy of Underwater Sciences; Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Safety Infrastructure Subcommittee	Charged with the responsibility of ensuring a culture of safety and accountability throughout the university by analyzing and reviewing security protocols, conducting reviews of existing practices, making recommendations for changes to existing policies, and recommending new policies when appropriate. Recommendations and related issues are reported to the University Safety Council.	Quarterly	Office of the President	
Institutional Review Entity (IRE)	Freestanding committee comprised of IBC members that ensures all research and production projects involving the acquisition, use, storage, or disposal of DURC materials is reviewed in accordance with regulatory requirements; conducts risk-based analysis on all DURC experiments and recommends a plan of action to ensure proper oversight of all DURC experiments; works with the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) to mitigate risks to the University and to assist with developing policies and procedures relating to DURC experiments	As needed	Office of Research Integrity	United States Government; National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity; NIH