

Chemistry Department

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Notes

Attendance: Rob Shibao, Shanna Potter, Mohamad Abbani, Pete Doucette, Miguel Jimenez, Ana Tontcheva, Amy Grant

--During the earthquake drill, I realized how dangerous it is for all those reagent bottles to be sitting out on the counter (in Chem 4 Exp 3, there are a dozen bottles on the counter). In an earthquake, the floor would be covered with a slippery, glass-strewn mess. It would be less convenient but safer for the bottles to all be in the hood. What do you think?

--We are thinking about incorporating a no-cell phone out on the bench during lab policy. It's possible that students are looking at photos of previously completed labs.

--Ana noticed one of her summer Chem 4 students, who got an F, enrolled in Chem 1A. What is the procedure for checking summer school grades before the start of Fall?

--We think some students who were forecasted to pass (but who ended up failing) Chem 4 have remained in Chem 1A. Would it be helpful to you if Chem 4 instructors sent you a note showing who failed after forecasting to pass?

--Everyone has their own policy on how many labs a student may miss. Are we allowed to state in our syllabus "if you miss more than two labs, you will not pass the course", as it states on my syllabus?

Thank you,
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