



Oregon State University

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

August 28, 2019

Milam 119, 2:30 – 3:00 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Mike Bamberger, Laura Beaver, Carrie Burkholder, Marcia Dickson, Tom Doyle (alt), Keith Foster, Samuel Gras, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan, Denis Looney, Mike Mayers, Jon-Michael McDaniel, Jennifer McKay, Heidi Melton (Chair), Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Debi Rothermund (alt), Marcus Silkman, Tarrigon Van Denburg

Members Absent: Okan Agirseven, Tim Borgen, Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Chandra Char, Barbara Lerwick (alt), Ariel Leshchinsky, Christina McKnight (alt), Jim Patton, Brian Stroup, Rachel Ziegler

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 by Heidi Melton, Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Laura moved that the July meeting minutes be approved; Debi seconded. Minutes approved, with minor typo correction on page 2.

Sam clarified that there had been no specific incident, but just a general climate of unease for international students.

OLD BUSINESS

- Safety Recognition and Awards – the Qualtrics form is finished and ready to be posted.
- Policy Review – Dan has met with Chris Viggiani, Policy and Standards Program Director. The overarching safety policy is at the Research Office for their review. The committee should be able to begin reviewing policies in the next three months or so.
- Safety walks are due at the end of August. Kay provided information on which routes have been completed so far.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

Hannah Glaspell, EHS student intern, has been working on Near Miss reporting. Currently, near misses are recorded in the HR Advocate Incident Reporting form, and Heidi is able to pull reports. Hannah has put together training and posters and a web form for reporting. Hannah will be invited to an upcoming meeting to present the program.

The incident involving an inhaled solvent occurred because the experiment was too big to be conducted in a fume hood and the tube providing venting to the hood failed.

There was a short discussion stemming from a squirrel bite incident. There are several agencies that may need to be notified in case of animal bites, including the Department of Public Safety,

Oregon State Police, local Animal Control, Chintimini Wildlife Center, Fisheries and Wildlife.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE

Fire inspection schedule for the month is on the EH&S webpage and also in the UHSC box. Fire inspection reports are available on the EH&S webpage.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE/SAFETY WORK ORDERS

- An odor at Furman Hall was resolved by pouring water into a dry drain.
- Eyewash stations were repaired at Nash and Magruder.
- Emergency showers have been fixed in Gilbert and Wilkinson.

EH&S ON-CALL LOG/REPORT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS

- Most reports involved odors, many of them stemming from roofing at Magruder Hall. Building Managers should be reminded to inform building occupants about planned building work; supervisors may arrange alternative locations to work when possible.
- The HR Advocate form should be used to report indoor air quality issues, along with reporting to Facilities Services and/or EH&S.
- Work at Burt Hall is being done on weekends to reduce exposures, but researchers often work on weekends.
- There was a chemical spill in the Linus Pauling Building.
- There were reports of water and air quality problems at Ag & Life Sciences

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In August, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 78 departments:

August 2019	Course
24	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
1	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
2	NIH Guidelines
50	Hazardous waste training
6	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
28	Universal waste handling
8	Formaldehyde safety
7	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
132	General laboratory safety (now includes Hazwaste & SDS)
2	Controlled substances
44	Animal handler safety
17	Noise and hearing conservation
15	Respirator training/fit testing
2	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
2	Asbestos awareness
40	Fire extinguisher
7	Forklift operator
2	Hazard Communication booklet review
34	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS

4	Golf cart/utility vehicle
26	Office and general safety
4	Initial isotope user
1	Isotope user refresher
4	Laser safety
2 + 3	Nuclear gauge training (OSU + manufacturer)
13	Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher
3	X-ray machine safety

NEW BUSINESS

There was a short discussion about who has oversight when faculty members and students travel together. Academic Affairs and Risk Management has oversight for employees (including student employees). Students are not covered by OSU insurance when they travel, but workers are.

Next meeting: Members from the Library will share observations from the Library evacuation caused by a threat posted on a white board, and Hannah Glaspell will discuss the Near Miss program.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119