



# Oregon State University

## Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

December 19, 2018

Milam 119, 2:30 – 3:45 pm

Meeting Summary

**Members Present:** Okan Agirseven, Carrie Burkholder, Marcia Dickson, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan (alt), Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers, Jennifer McKay, Heidi Melton (Chair), Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Jim Patton, Debi Rothermund, Marcus Silkman, Tarrigon Van Denburg, Heather Wall, Rachel Ziegler

**Members Absent:** Jared Bilyeu, Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Samuel Gras, Barbara Lerwick (alt), Christina McKnight, Roshni Sabedra, Tim Borgen, Brian Stroup

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

### **FIRE SAFETY UPDATE**

Jim gave an overview of the Burt II fire on November 30. A research microwave caught fire for unknown reasons. Lab workers attempted to combat the fire with a fire extinguisher, but were unsuccessful. They evacuated the lab, closed the door (but had opened a window to exhaust smoke), and pulled the fire alarm. The first alarm brought 3-4 fire trucks. When black angry smoke was seen coming from the roof, a second alarm was called which brought additional firefighters and equipment. Much of the building suffered smoke and water damage. Burt II is now basically unoccupied. There were two minor injuries, one to an OSU employee and one to a member of the Corvallis Fire Department. Hydrofluoric acid, hydrochloric acid and nitric acid were all involved.

There was also a small exterior fire at Community Hall (formerly Benton Hall) where a fan was being used for something other than its intended use.

A sprinkler head broke in the Gem on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor causing flooding throughout the building.

When Burt II is repaired, sprinklers will be installed. More need to be installed throughout campus; they are on the deferred maintenance list and are being worked on as buildings are remodeled.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

November minutes were reviewed and one correction was noted (Heather, not Carrie, will complete safety walk route 3). Carrie moved that the amended minutes be approved; Marcia seconded. Minutes approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Safety Recognition and Awards – A Qualtrics form is being drafted and should be ready for testing next month.
- Policy Review- Dan will send a draft of overarching safety policy to the committee for review prior to next month’s meeting. Comments should be sent to Dan via email.
- Only two routes have not been completed (3 and 5). Carrie will complete route 3 and Kay will do route 5.
- Goals on hold until policies are converted and decided which are morphed into procedures.
- Public Safety inspections – Tarrigon noted that items listed in the Public Safety inspection reports should all be addressed. This will include how the item will be remedied, or why it is not being addressed at the current time (lack of funds, etc.).

**REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS**

A worker was accosted by a stranger who tried to steal her purse and possibly assault her. She was able to defend herself and escape. Aftercare (for mental distress) could have been suggested/sought through SAIF.

More information is needed about an accident involving a trailer being pulled by a pickup on I-5.

- Is there a process for investigating what happened?
- Was the trailer properly maintained?
- Who owns the trailer?
- What policies are in place?

The College of Ag has a policy on vehicle maintenance, but not trailers or other equipment.

**FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE/SAFETY WORK ORDERS**

Mostly odor complaints:

- Kelley Engineering – burning odor was burnt food
- Heckert Lodge – dry drain
- Cordley Hall – natural gas odor required a leak repair

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

EH&S responded to odor complaints in Ag & Life Sciences; a leaking battery at Valley Library; odor complaint in the Women’s Building (drain).

**SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE**

In December, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 79 departments:

<b>Dec. 2018</b>	<b>Course</b>
36	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
5	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
8	NIH Guidelines
42	Lithium battery shipping (via land, air, vessel)
240	Hazardous waste training
3	RCRA waste annex facility personnel
1	HAZWOPER refresher
4	Hazardous materials shipping awareness

102	Universal waste handling
15	Formaldehyde safety
13	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
156	General laboratory safety
34	Animal handler safety
12	Noise and hearing conservation
27	Respirator training/fit testing
7	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
2	Asbestos awareness
29	Fire extinguisher
2	Forklift operator
2	Hazard Communication booklet review
157	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
1	Golf cart/utility vehicle
5	Office and general safety
1	Respirator for comfort only training
8	Isotope user orientation
1	Nuclear gauge user orientation or refresher
2	Laser safety
1	Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher
5	X-ray machine safety

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ariel gave a brief review of the free bike helmet program being offered by Student Health Services. They started with 100 helmets and still have some on hand. A survey of recipients (84 respondents) showed that most had a 5-10 minute commute (via bike); 22 always wear a helmet; 14 never wear a helmet. Of those who don't wear a helmet, cost was the major disincentive.

Kay provided safety committee training to members. The information will be put in the UHSC box for those who were not present at today's meeting.

It was noted that Public Safety has not had a representative at a meeting for quite awhile. Kay will review all attendance records for the past year so Heidi can contact those who have not been attending regularly.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Dan K will make the draft policy available to the committee for review. Committee members will send comments to Dan via email.
- A draft Qualtrics form for the safety recognition program will be ready for review at the next meeting.
- Kay and Carrie will complete safety walks.
- Kay will review attendance records and report to Heidi.

**NEXT MEETINGS**

Wednesday, January 22, 2018, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119