



Oregon State University

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

February 27, 2019

Milam 119, 2:30 – 3:20 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Okan Agirseven, Laura Beaver, Jared Bilyeu, Carrie Burkholder, Marcia Dickson, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan (alt), Mike Mayers, Kay Miller, Heidi Melton (Chair), Debi Rothermund, Brian Stroup, Tarrigon Van Denburg

Members Absent: Tim Borgen, Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Samuel Gras, Barbara Lerwick (alt), Ariel Leshchinsky, Jennifer McKay, Christina McKnight, Ryan Mitchell, Jim Patton, Marcus Silkman, Heather Wall, Rachel Ziegler

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January minutes were reviewed. Marcia moved that the minutes be approved; Debi seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Safety Recognition and Awards – A Qualtrics form is being drafted and will be linked from web pages for EH&S, UHSC, Risk, and Workers' Compensation.
- Policy Review- Dan only received three comments on the draft policy. He has forwarded it to Tom Doyle, EH&S Director, and Ron Adams, Interim Senior Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration. They will provide their comments to Dan, who will bring it back to the committee to be finalized.
- Only two routes have not been completed (3 and 5). Heather will complete route 3 and Kay will do route 5.
- Goals on hold until policies are converted and decided which are morphed into procedures.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

December had noticeably fewer accidents (mainly attributable to students being away from campus for three weeks). No items of particular interest.

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

- A burning smell at Crop Science was found and fixed.
- Some eyewash stations were repaired.

- A burning smell in the Snell elevator was reported; no cause was found.
- A sewer smell in Langton was treated.
- A concern of asbestos being present in a project at the MU was reported and will be forwarded to Kevin Christman and Andrew Gray at Facilities Services.

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

Marcus was unavailable to report on January’s EH&S calls/responses.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

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

| February 2019 | Course |
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| 41 | Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety |
| 1 | Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers |
| 4 | Biological/infectious substance shipping |
| 11 | NIH Guidelines |
| 322 | Hazardous waste training |
| 5 | Hazardous materials shipping awareness |
| 165 | Universal waste handling |
| 24 | Formaldehyde safety |
| 45 | Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers |
| 188 | General laboratory safety |
| 32 | Animal handler safety |
| 34 | Noise and hearing conservation |
| 10 | Respirator training/fit testing |
| 8 | Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication |
| 37 | Asbestos awareness |
| 1 | Confined space awareness |
| 57 | Fire extinguisher |
| 2 | Forklift operator |
| 1 | Hazard Communication booklet review |
| 258 | Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS |
| 1 | Golf cart/utility vehicle |
| 22 | Office and general safety |
| 3 | Respirator for comfort only training |
| 0 | Isotope user refresher |
| 9 | Laser safety |
| 3 | Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher |
| 5 | X-ray machine safety |

NEW BUSINESS

Kay reported that she has added materials to the UHSC box. A folder was created titled UHSC Member Materials that contains resources and training materials. This will serve as a new member

handbook and is available to all UHSC members.

Kay provided safety training data for the past five years. Since 2014, safety training numbers have increased dramatically, mostly due to hard work by EH&S individuals in an attempt to identify lab workers, assign them training, and sending reminders to workers of training due. Overall, annual safety training numbers are up 195%. Trainings for laboratory safety are up 324%; hazardous waste is up 1170%; and safety data sheets are up 452%.

There was a general discussion of whether this committee reviews student injuries/accidents, which it does not. The UHSC is OSHA-oriented, so covers workers. Student, visitor, guest, and volunteer accidents are reviewed by Risk Management.

Emergency Operations Plans need to be adapted for each department and/or building. The general template should be used as a starting place, and appendices may be added to address unique areas or situations. Mark Becker will be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss EOPs.

Dan noted that Ron Adams is interested in attending an upcoming meeting; Dan will provide him with a calendar.

ACTION ITEMS

- A Qualtrics form for the safety recognition program will be linked from EHS, Risk, UHSC and Workers' Comp pages.
- Kay and Heather will complete safety walks.
- Mark Becker will be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss EOPs.

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119