



Oregon State University

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

January 22, 2020

Milam 119, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Mike Bamberger, Carrie Burkholder, Marcia Dickson, Keith Foster, Samuel Gras, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan, Denis Looney, Heidi Melton (Chair), Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Jim Patton, Marcus Silkman, Brian Stroup, Tarrigon Van Denburg

Members Absent: Martha Adams (alt), Okan Agirseven, Laura Beaver, Tim Borgen, Chandra Char, Tom Doyle (alt), Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Barbara Lerwick (alt), Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers, Jon-Michael McDaniel, Jennifer McKay, Christina McKnight (alt), Debi Rothermund (alt)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sam moved that the minutes from the December 18 meeting be approved as written; Marcia seconded. Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Policy Review Work Group – overarching safety policy for the university is under review by the Office of Audit, Risk and Compliance, and the Office of General Counsel. Dan will check on progress.
- Safety Walks – only two have not been completed. Route 14 is assigned to Debi; Heidi will take route 5 which had been assigned to Rachel who has left the committee.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

A discussion regarding employees (often office employees) moving office furniture. A list of available resources should be put together and made available to the university community. Surplus will work with departments. Heavy or awkward items should not be moved by an individual, especially when stairs are involved. Stair dollies are a good investment. The Safety Purchase Request system could be used to help pay for appropriate equipment such as dollies. The MU, Facilities Services, Surplus, and UHDS should all have this type of equipment. All individuals should be trained prior to moving heavy items. Marcus will send a link to SAIF resources to Heidi for inclusion in OSU Today. Heidi will reach out to Rae Delay at Property Services.

The accident at the Wave Lab will show up next month. The investigation has been concluded and is in review by the office of General Counsel. Major takeaway is for individuals to have situational awareness and think things through before acting. EH&S may include a “pay attention” campaign in the next newsletter. Often, people don’t perceive danger, or are trying to meet deadlines. Workers make do with what they have, and “engineer on the spot.”

The accident report for an incident involving moving a refrigerator by UHDS personnel did not

provide adequate corrective actions. Root cause needs to be determined. Supervisors need to be trained in root cause identification.

Dan and Marcus will meet with groups such as MU, UHDS, FS, and Surplus to discuss issues with moving heavy items, available resources, and preplanning.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE

Reports and inspection schedules are posted on the EH&S website. Jim noted that Corvallis Fire Department will accompany the EHS Fire Inspector. CFD wants to do all buildings within a few months (which is not realistic). The CFD report will go to the EHS Fire Safety group. Scheduling is still done by the EHS FS team.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE/SAFETY WORK ORDERS

- Milne – electrical smell; was burnt ballast.
- Blue lights are being tested throughout campus and repaired as needed.
- Furman Hall – foul odor; dry floor trap.
- Women’s Building – foul odor; dry floor trap.
- Cascade Hall – fire alarm; burnt toast. (Cooking appliances should only be in kitchen areas.)
- Pharmacy – burning odor; control replaced
- Kerr – chemical smell; referred to EH&S.

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

- Oil spill at the Burt loading dock; remediated.
- Poling Hall – gas aroma; was laundry.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike B reported that new emergency posters have been printed and are being distributed. Copies are available from Emergency Management. The 737-7000 (Public Safety) phone number has been eliminated from the poster. OSU dispatchers do not dispatch emergency services; people should dial 911. Campus will be notified of the change prior to the time Oregon State Police are no longer patrolling campus (July 1). Sam noted that international emergency calls go to 737-7000 and get transferred to Sam. Those calls will still go through, 24/7.

There was some discussion regarding trend analysis for accidents. The HR Advocate form and SAIF data are available. Heidi will set up a meeting with Mike B, Dave Adams (SAIF), Dan K, and Marcus.

Sam noted that there is a new virus that the CDC is concerned about. The Corona virus was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. There has been one case identified in the US so far, in Washington state. Sam is monitoring the situation, along with the Infectious Response Team (Student Health Center). Resources for students include the IRT and the Office of International Services; travelers should contact Sam. Everyone should take basic precautions to prevent infection.

Jim reported that there have been fires at the Idaho National Lab and the Pacific Northwest National Lab that started with the same machine as the one that caught fire at Burt Hall last year, a MARS 6 microwave digestion system made by CEM.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In January, EH&S recorded the following trainings, which involved 100 departments:

Jan 2020	Course
55	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
27	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
15	NIH Guidelines
55	Hazardous waste training
5	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
2	HAZWOPER refresher
50	Universal waste handling
41	Formaldehyde safety
19	Hydrofluoric acid awareness
13	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
378	General laboratory safety
3	Controlled substances
57	Animal handler safety
13	Noise and hearing conservation
18	Respirator training/fit testing
16	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
7	Asbestos awareness
5	Confined Space
2	Crane and hoist safety
4	Electrical safety
3	Farm electrical safety
74	Fire extinguisher
4	Forklift operator
1	Hazard Communication booklet review
63	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
13	Ladder safety
4	Lock-out/tag-out
1	Machine guarding
16	Office and general safety
1	Personal protective equipment
18	Supervisor safety responsibilities
3	Initial isotope user
5	Isotope user refresher
5	Laser safety
0	Nuclear gauge training
1	Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher
1	X-ray machine safety

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119