



# Oregon State University

## Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

July 24, 2019

Milam 119, 2:30 – 3:20 pm

### Meeting Summary

**Members Present:** Mike Bamberger, Laura Beaver, Carrie Burkholder, Chandra Char, Marcia Dickson, Tom Doyle (alt), Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Samuel Gras, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan, Ariel Leshchinsky, Denis Looney, Jon-Michael McDaniel, Jennifer McKay, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Debi Rothermund (alt), Marcus Silkman, Brian Stroup, Tarrigon Van Denburg

**Members Absent:** Okan Agirseven, Jared Bilyeu, Tim Borgen, Keith Foster, Barbara Lerwick (alt), Mike Mayers, Christina McKnight (alt), Heidi Melton (Chair), Jim Patton, Rachel Ziegler

**Guest Present:** Dave Adams, SAIF

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 by Debi Rothermund, Acting Chair.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Marcia moved that the June meeting minutes be approved; Carrie seconded. Minutes approved.

There was a short discussion of the comprehensive fire and life safety program that was mentioned at the last meeting. Jim Patton has retired from the Corvallis Fire Department and is now working part time for OSU. Brian Lilley and a new EHS position will also be part of the Fire and Life Safety Program. Jim and Brian will conduct fire inspections; the Corvallis Fire Department will no longer perform them at OSU. Enhanced programs will include hot work safety (welding, etc.), and additional fire drills. Jim and Mike Bamberger are reviewing training materials on emergency evacuation that may be added to the EH&S training within the Bridge LMS.

### **REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS**

Veterinary Medicine had another incidence of taking in a sick animal and possibly exposing several individuals to H1N2 flu. There doesn't appear to be a way to avoid this, particularly if the animal has not been diagnosed prior to admittance.

### **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**

- Most reports involved odors
- A fire alarm at Reser Stadium sounded; no cause was found but the alarm was replaced.
- A natural gas odor at Cordley resulted in the Fire Department being called. It was caused by a faulty sensor, but became more of an issue when no key could be found for the knock box. The key issue has been resolved.
- A methane alarm at Johnson Hall was resolved.

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

- There was a smell complaint near the parking garage; no cause was found.
- A strong odor at Cordley required a waste pickup.

## **SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE**

In July, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 73 departments:

<b>July 2019</b>	<b>Course</b>
96	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
5	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
3	NIH Guidelines
156	Hazardous waste training
2	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
55	Universal waste handling
11	Formaldehyde safety
13	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
116	General laboratory safety
2	Controlled substances
40	Animal handler safety
24	Noise and hearing conservation
8	Respirator training/fit testing
6	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
3	Asbestos awareness
15	Farm Safety orientation
35	Fire extinguisher
7	Forklift operator
2	Hazard Communication booklet review
81	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
2	Golf cart/utility vehicle
23	Office and general safety
2	Initial isotope user
3	Isotope user refresher
2	Laser safety
6	Nuclear gauge training
3	Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher
2	X-ray machine safety

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sam noted that the international student community is nervous about the current climate (ICE, anti-immigrant rhetoric, etc.) regarding international students in the USA, fearing possible unsafe conditions.

EH&S has launched the new and improved laboratory safety training via the Bridge LMS.

There was some discussion about ADA access to Milam's fourth floor. Meetings of the Disabilities Network are held there, and there are sometimes issues with accessibility/elevators. Chandra will work the Debi to be sure elevator access is available at the meeting times.

Rachel and/or Bryan will be asked to share information on the recent threat response at the Library at an upcoming meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119