



Oregon State University

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

June 26, 2019

Milam 119, 2:30 – 3:35 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Laura Beaver, Carrie Burkholder, Chandra Char, Marcia Dickson, Tom Doyle (alt), Samuel Gras, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan (alt), Ariel Leshchinsky, Denis Looney, Jon-Michael McDaniel, Heidi Melton (Chair), Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Debi Rothermund (alt), Marcus Silkman, Brian Stroup, Tarrigon Van Denburg, Rachel Ziegler

Members Absent: Okan Agirseven, Mike Bamberger, Jared Bilyeu, Tim Borgen, Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Keith Foster, Barbara Lerwick (alt), Mike Mayers, Jennifer McKay, Christina McKnight (alt), Jim Patton

Guest Present: Dave Adams, SAIF

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May minutes were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Safety Recognition and Awards – The Qualtrics form has been finalized. The program will be advertised through OSU Today and the EHS website. Heidi has drafted an announcement.
- Policy Review- Awaiting Chris Viggiani's approval of final edits.
- Safety Walk routes have been updated and committee members may choose which area they would prefer to inspect. Stephanie has drafted an Excel spreadsheet for use in recording results of the walk. Photographs are helpful, and should be placed in a separate document in the UHSC Box, with notations in the Excel spreadsheet.
- Goals on hold until policies are converted and decided which are morphed into procedures.
- Last year's annual report has been sent to Mike Green and Paul Odegard.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

- An injury involving a white board falling off the wall was due to improper installation of the white board. A contractor (not Facilities Services) installed the white board.
- When moving offices, there are some alternatives to having employees (who are not furniture movers) move furniture. Surplus Property, Bertsch, Mayflower, United, Allied, and other companies may be better options than risking injury to an employee. Marcus and Dan will put together a list of resources, costs, availability, etc.

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.

Jim Patton and Brian Lilley (EHS) are putting together a comprehensive campus fire safety program.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE/SAFETY WORK ORDERS

- Eye wash in Gilbert, repaired
- Drain odor in Wiegand, resolved

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

- There was a fire alarm in LPI which was caused by steam exhaust
- A mercury spill was contained and cleaned up

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In June, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 90 departments:

June 2019	Course
41	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
2	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
9	NIH Guidelines
254	Hazardous waste training
2	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
4	Hazardous waste facility procedures
118	Universal waste handling
21	Formaldehyde safety
31	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
166	General laboratory safety
46	Animal handler safety
35	Noise and hearing conservation
6	Respirator training/fit testing (includes 1 PAPR)
10	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
3	Asbestos awareness
15	Farm Safety orientation
57	Fire extinguisher
5	Forklift operator
1	Hazard Communication booklet review
170	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
4	Golf cart/utility vehicle
0	Lead awareness
36	Office and general safety
0	Initial isotope user
0	Isotope user refresher
2	Laser safety
0	Nuclear gauge training
1	Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher
10	X-ray machine safety

EHS will be rolling out new laboratory safety training using Vivid videos hosted in Bridge. Vivid videos are geared toward university safety. The lab safety module will be first, then additional trainings will be added. There will be a library of safety training videos covering a wide variety of topics available to all OSU employees and students.

NEW BUSINESS

- Some OSU athletes have traveled to the Dominican Republic, but have not reported any illnesses.
- Kerr Library was evacuated due to a possible threat found on a white board. In general, the evacuation went well. Some flaws in planning were noted, including the need to move people away from the building which turned out to be the most difficult part of the evacuation. Library staff were surveyed after the event. Rachel will work with Mike Bamberger to revise the plan. Employees can sweep the building and notify others to evacuate, but are not responsible for seeing that everyone leaves. That is the responsibility of the Fire and Police departments. Roles need to be better defined for Building Managers, Floor Monitors, Department/Unit Safety Coordinators, etc.

ACTION ITEMS

- Marcus will schedule some back safety training sessions in the next month or two.
- Kay will make final edits to the Safety Recognition Program Qualtrics form. *Done*
- Kay will bring safety walk maps to the next meeting. *Done*
- Stephanie will draft an Excel form for the safety walks. *Done*
- Heidi will draft an announcement about the Safety Recognition Program. *Done*
- Heidi will invite Susan Freccia to an upcoming meeting. *Done*
- Ryan will talk with the Vet Med safety committee about the procedure for the safe intake of sick animals. *Vet Med has reviewed the procedure and made some adjustments to minimize exposure to sick animals.*
- Kay will look into food safety trainings that could be made available to workers. *Dave Adams provided some posters.*

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119