



Oregon State University

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

March 27, 2019

Milam 119, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Laura Beaver, Jared Bilyeu, Marcia Dickson, Tom Doyle (alt), Samuel Gras, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan (alt), Barbara Lerwick (alt), Jennifer McKay, Heidi Melton (Chair), Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Jim Patton, Marcus Silkman, Rachel Ziegler

Members Absent: Okan Agirseven, Tim Borgen, Carrie Burkholder, Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers, Christina McKnight, Debi Rothermund, Brian Stroup, Tarrigon Van Denburg

Guests Present: Nestor Garibay, Public Safety; Dave Adams, SAIF Corporation

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February minutes were reviewed. Stephanie moved that the minutes be approved; Marcia seconded. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Adams, SAIF representative for universities and state agencies, introduced himself. SAIF has resources such as videos for training (Go Ergo, Kitchen Safety Showdown, etc.), and an Industrial Hygienist team for consultations. Dave is available for consultations.

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. Heidi, Kay and Ben will meet to finalize the process.
- Policy Review- Dan has put the newly revised draft of the overarching safety policy in box. Any additional comments should go to Dan by April 3. Dan will answer Chris Viggiani's questions and send him the final draft. This policy combines SAF 101, 103, and 205.
- Only two routes have not been completed (3 and 5). Kay will complete routes 3 and 5.
- Goals on hold until policies are converted and decided which are morphed into procedures.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

February accidents were reviewed. No discussion items.

Sam noted that there were several OSU students and faculty in Christchurch, New Zealand at the time of the mass shooting there, but they were all safe/not affected.

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

- Electrical outlet fire at Crop Science (Jim look follow up)
- Eyewash stations with low pressure were fixed
- Gas leak at Oak Creek Building; FS stood by in case power needed to be shut off

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

- A gas smell at Fairbanks was probably a combination of the sound of a steam leak and the odor of solvents in use in the basement
- There was a paint odor in Oak Creek Building and a Sulphur odor in Ag & Life Sciences
- A drying oven fire was resolved by removing the burning items from the oven. EH&S is following up with the PI and workers to prevent a reoccurrence.
- The gas leak at OCB was from an acetylene canister. The protective cap was stuck on it, so inappropriate tools were used to try to pry it open, which caused the valve to break. The EH&S newsletter will remind people to use proper tools and to be sure standard operating procedures (SOPs) refer to proper tool use.

The committee discussed evacuations, including:

- Departments should conduct regular evacuation drills and have an emergency operation plan.
- Emergency operation plans should be reviewed regularly and kept up to date.
- CEOAS has floor monitors to ensure complete evacuation.
- The Burt Hall fire evacuation went pretty well.
- Jim noted that people need to feel empowered to initiate fire alarms when needed, and not hesitate to pull alarms.
- The Fire Department is surveying campus to find weak fire alarm areas (difficult to hear, not installed, etc.).

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In March, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 68 departments:

March 2019	Course
30	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
4	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
3	NIH Guidelines
5	Biological Safety Cabinet use
176	Hazardous waste training
2	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
64	Universal waste handling
9	Formaldehyde safety
16	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
125	General laboratory safety

32	Animal handler safety
16	Noise and hearing conservation
21	Respirator training/fit testing (includes 2 PAPR and 1 SCBA)
3	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
6	Asbestos awareness
30	Fire extinguisher
4	Forklift operator
1	Hazard Communication booklet review
129	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
4	Golf cart/utility vehicle
1	Lead awareness
16	Office and general safety
3	Respirator for comfort only training
0	Isotope user refresher
8	Laser safety
1	Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher
2	X-ray machine safety

NEW BUSINESS

Two individuals asked the UHSC to review electric skateboard use on campus, as they cited numerous close calls with pedestrians. Oregon state statutes and city ordinances do not yet cover electric skateboards. Although they are motorized, they probably should not be considered motor vehicles. OSU generally adopts city ordinances.

It was agreed that employers need to communicate their expectation that their workers are to travel safely while on official business. If it involves a vehicle of any type, workers need to be prudent, follow all rules and regulations, and wear appropriate PPE (e.g. helmets).

It was suggested that the Department of Public Safety take ownership of any electric skateboard policy. Oregon State Police can stop and cite individuals if they observe violations (DPS can not). In order to reduce interactions with pedestrians, motorized skateboards/scooters/hover boards should be made to use the road (bike lanes), and not sidewalks.

ACTION ITEMS

- Heidi and Kay will meet with Ben (EH&S IT) to finalize safety recognition and awards process.
- Kay will complete safety walks.

NEXT MEETINGS

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