



# Oregon State University DRAFT

## Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

March 25, 2020

2:30 – 4:00 pm via Zoom

Meeting Summary

**Members Present:** Laura Beaver, Rachel Burgess, Carrie Burkholder, Chandra Char, Marcia Dickson, Tom Doyle (alt), Samuel Gras, Stephanie Harrison, Jon-Michael McDaniel, Jennifer McKay, Heidi Melton (Chair), Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Linda Nye, Jim Patton, Tarrigon Van Denburg

**Members Absent:** Martha Adams (alt), Okan Agirseven, Mike Bamberger, Tim Borgen, Chandra Char, Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Keith Foster, Dan Kermoyan, Barbara Lerwick (alt), Ariel Leshchinsky, Denis Looney, Christina McKnight (alt), Mike Mayers, Debi Rothermund (alt), Marcus Silkman, Brian Stroup

Meeting was called to order at 2:35 by Heidi Melton, Chair

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Marcia moved that the minutes from the February 26 meeting be approved as written; Jennifer seconded. Minutes were approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Policy Review Work Group – Tom reported that progress is being made on the overarching safety policy for the university; it is anticipated that it will be reviewed by the policy committee soon.
- Safety Walks – Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the two remaining safety walks for 2019 will be placed on hold.

### **REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS**

Heidi does not anticipate many claims for COVID-19 illness due to exposure at work. Katie Vorderstrasse in Risk will take the lead on any claims.

### **FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE**

Reports and inspection schedules are posted on the EH&S website.

Jim noted that the new inspection form is not working very well yet. His group is waiting for better reports prior to disseminating information to campus. They are getting more information on violations and the associated corrective actions.

### **FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE/SAFETY WORK ORDERS**

- Blue lights at the parking structure, Legacy Park, 14<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Streets were repaired
- Adams Hall had a natural gas smell
- Johnson Hall had a beeping sound coming from the ceiling; cleared

- A burning smell in Kerr originated with workers in the basement

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

- Indoor air quality issues
- Mold at CEOAS Administration building
- A gas alarm (on a Sunday) at Johnson Hall indicated failure of the exhaust system. Another shutdown of the system occurred on Friday. There are alarm system problems that need to be addressed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- EH&S and Risk are looking at information from incident reports; will share with the UHSC within the next quarter.
- Heidi and Mike B are pulling information from SAIF incident reports to summarize the data, but work is currently postponed due to the coronavirus.

### **COVID-19**

A plan is being developed for lab work. General requirements include:

- One person in a lab at one time, unless it would be dangerous for the person to work alone
- All workers need to follow basic safety procedures when working alone in labs
- No new experiments may be started, especially any involving animals or human subjects
- Lab managers will do prep work
- Critical lab workers need to be better defined

The Research Office has put out some guidance; more is expected regarding building closures.

Additional discussion:

- Each college seems to be handling things differently.
- Building Managers should be directing building cleanings.
- Jon-Michael wants a holistic response regarding locking and unlocking buildings.
- Any special requests regarding building wipe-downs should be routed to Joe Majeski in Facilities Services who will coordinate with ABM Custodial services.
- The Library procured an extra contract to do extra cleaning.
- A plan for building lock-downs is due to be delivered tomorrow.
- Students have one more week to move out of dorms and get a refund for the term
- Students are not being asked to leave the dorms
- Scams are already being perpetrated, so beware
- Insurance coverage for workers who get COVID while traveling will depend on where they are and whether they are traveling for business or pleasure
- There has been a mandatory recall of all OSU worldwide travelers as of March 12
- The recall included 102 students and 50 staff/faculty
- Some exceptions to the travel recall have been allowed

### **ACTION ITEMS**

From last month:

- Debi will complete the safety walk for route 14 *On hold due to COVID-19*
- Rachel will complete the safety walk for route 5 *On hold due to COVID-19*
- Marcus will send a link to SAIF resources to Heidi for inclusion in OSU Today. *No report*

- Heidi will reach out to Rae Delay at Property Services. *No report*
- 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. *No report*
- Heidi will set up a meeting with Mike B, Dave Adams (SAIF), Dan K, and Marcus. *On hold due to COVID-19.*

From this meeting:

- Jennifer will contact Jim Patton prior to ordering a lab microwave. *No report*
- Marcus will ask Machel Bamberger, Hazardous Waste Safety Officer, to investigate the improper hazardous waste disposal at Cordley. *No report*
- Marcus and Dan will look at the pinch point and discuss engineering, training, and protocols the Dairy Barn. *No report*
- Mike and Heidi will work with SAIF data to develop accident trending reports and will share at the next meeting. *On hold due to COVID-19*

### **SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE**

In March, EH&S recorded the following trainings, which involved 80 departments:

<b>March 2020</b>	<b>Course</b>
43	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
0	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
1	NIH Guidelines
25	Hazardous waste training
1	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
24	Universal waste handling
1	Autoclave safety
10	Formaldehyde safety
17	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
259	General laboratory safety
2	Controlled substances
3	Fume hood safety
42	Animal handler safety
5	Noise and hearing conservation
16	Respirator training/fit testing (incl. 1 SCBA)
2	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
8	Asbestos awareness
3	Compressed gas cylinder safety
8	Confined Space
2	Crane and hoist safety
38	Crane and Hoist Rigging and Signalling + 4 train-the-trainer
4	Electrical safety
4	Farm electrical safety
28	Fire extinguisher
2	Field research safety
1	Forklift operator
11	Golf/utility cart

1	Hazard Communication booklet review
46	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
12	Ladder safety
25	Lock-out/tag-out
1	Machine guarding
24	New employee orientation
18	Office and general safety
0	Initial isotope user
2	Isotope user refresher
6	Laser safety
0	Nuclear gauge training
0	Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher
2	X-ray machine safety

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 2:30 – 4:00 pm via Zoom