



Oregon State University

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

May 22, 2019

Milam 119, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Laura Beaver, Mike Bamberger, Carrie Burkholder, Marcia Dickson, Keith Foster (alt), Samuel Gras, Stephanie Harrison, Ariel Leshchinsky, Denis Looney, Mike Mayers, Heidi Melton (Chair), Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Jim Patton, Rachel Ziegler

Members Absent: Okan Agirseven, Jared Bilyeu, Tim Borgen, Tom Doyle (alt), Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Dan Kermoyan (alt), Barbara Lerwick (alt), Jennifer McKay, Christina McKnight, Debi Rothermund (alt), Marcus Silkman, Brian Stroup, Tarrigon Van Denburg

Guest Present: Chandra Char, student in Public Health/Health Promotion

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April minutes were reviewed. Carrie moved that the minutes be approved; Marcia seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Safety Recognition and Awards – The Qualtrics form was distributed to the committee for discussion. Kay has made edits to the form; additional edits will be completed; the form should be ready for final UHSC review at the next meeting. The program will be advertised through OSU Today and the EHS website. Heidi will draft an announcement.
- Policy Review- Awaiting Chris Viggiani's approval.
- Kay will distribute safety walk routes for 2019 at the June meeting. Stephanie will draft an Excel file to use for recording safety walk results.
- Goals on hold until policies are converted and decided which are morphed into procedures.
- Last year's annual report will be sent to Mike Green. Ryan will talk with the Vet Med safety committee about the procedure for the safe intake of sick animals to reduce potential exposures.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

There were some reported tick bites. Ariel noted that the risk of contracting Lyme Disease is still low in Oregon. Heidi will put a notice in OSU Today with a link to a document on ticks and Lyme Disease. This information should also be given to new summer employees by team leaders. There is a NIOSH document linked from the SAIF website regarding field work.

There was a short discussion about the possibility of having training materials on cuts and burns

(food service) available, possibly through the Bridge learning management system or other source. Kay will follow up.

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.

Information on current Building Managers is available through Facilities Services (can be found on their web page). FS should be notified when the Building Manager changes for a building. Notices and reports of fire inspections go to the individuals on the FS Building Managers list.

Jim will be retiring from the Corvallis Fire Department at the end of June. He will begin a half-time assignment at OSU in July as the Fire Safety Inspector. EH&S is developing a fire and life safety program and will include a full-time equipment person as well. The process for fire inspections will remain essentially the same as it is now.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE/SAFETY WORK ORDERS

- Cordley, Milam and Dryden had eyewash stations replaced.
- Cordley – burning smell (caused by workers in the penthouse)

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

- The odor in the basement of Milam occurred again.
- There were several indoor air quality issues.
- Nash Hall – an aquarium ran dry which caused the pump to melt the plastic which created smoke. The issue was dealt with in-house; the CFD should have been called. No one was identified as being responsible for proper management of the space. The room had multiple users but no one was monitoring the work being done in the room. Better protocols are needed for shared laboratories. Jenette Paul in EH&S is working on drafting guidelines.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In May, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 83 departments:

May 2019	Course
20	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
33	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
14	NIH Guidelines
191	Hazardous waste training
1	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
85	Universal waste handling
10	Formaldehyde safety
12	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
119	General laboratory safety
54	Animal handler safety

17	Noise and hearing conservation
21	Respirator training/fit testing (includes 6 PAPR)
7	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
2	Asbestos awareness
41	Fire extinguisher
6	Forklift operator
3	Hazard Communication booklet review
118	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
24	Golf cart/utility vehicle
1	Lead awareness
22	Office and general safety
1	Initial isotope user
2	Isotope user refresher
2	Laser safety
2	Nuclear gauge training
2	Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher
4	X-ray machine safety

Heidi provided training on Workers' Compensation to about 30 supervisors in Engineering.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff from Weniger asked the Student Health Center to borrow an AED during an emergency. SHS is not allowed to lend their equipment out. Workers should be trained to know where AEDs are located and how to use them. Pulsepoint is an app notification system for use in emergencies that notifies people that there is an emergency and where the nearest AED is located. It is a citizen response program.

The committee discussed what requirements are in place for emergency response involving individuals with mobility issues. Emergency response plans must be department-specific, and may include special instructions for those who fall under the ADA guidelines. The Office of Equal Opportunity and Access can assist in drafting the plans. Remodeling buildings must include ADA work to bring the building up to current codes. There are no TTY accessible phones on campus.

The new Director of Compliance, Susan Freccia, will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- Marcus will schedule some back safety training sessions in the next month or two.
- Kay will make final edits to last year's annual report.
- Kay will make final edits to the Safety Recognition Program Qualtrics form.
- Kay will bring safety walk maps to the next meeting.
- Stephanie will draft an Excel form for the safety walks.
- Heidi will draft an announcement about the Safety Recognition Program.
- Heidi will invite Susan Freccia to an upcoming meeting.
- Ryan will talk with the Vet Med safety committee about the procedure for the safe intake of sick animals.

- Kay will look into food safety trainings that could be made available to workers.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119