



Oregon State University

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

October 23, 2019

Milam 119, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Mike Bamberger, Laura Beaver, Carrie Burkholder, Marcia Dickson, Keith Foster, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan, Denis Looney, Jon-Michael McDaniel, Jennifer McKay, Heidi Melton (Chair), Ryan Mitchell, Debi Rothermund (alt), Marcus Silkman, Tarrigon Van Denburg

Members Absent: Okan Agirseven, Tim Borgen, Tom Doyle (alt), Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Chandra Char, Samuel Gras, Barbara Lerwick (alt), Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers, Christina McKnight (alt), Kay Miller, Jim Patton, Brian Stroup, Rachel Ziegler

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Keith moved that the September meeting minutes be approved; Carrie seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Safety Recognition and Awards – the Qualtrics form is posted and ready for submissions.
- Policy Review –The overarching safety policy is still at the Research Office for their review.
- Safety walks – Please complete as soon as possible so that they can be wrapped up and finalized.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

There was a discussion on the employee who hit their head on the banners across the street from Dixon. It was discussed that the incident should still be reported as it may be a workers comp claim even if it occurred before work. This is why all incidents should be submitted. Rec sports and EHS will follow up on the hazard presented by the low hanging banners.

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

- A gas leak in the heat exchange at Sinnhuber Aquatic Research Lab.
- Blue lights on campus with deficiencies were fixed.
- Burning smell in Bates from electric heaters.
- Rotten egg smell in the John Fryer Aquatic lab that was due to a battery pack failure.
- There was a strong paint smell in Crop Science that was dissipated by the time the

response team arrived.

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

- Mercury thermometer spilled in ALS.
- A gas leak from outside Oxford House resulted in a building evacuation. The source of leak was determined to be off campus.
- There was an odor complaint in the Jefferson Street building.
- There was a gas smell in ALS.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In October, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 75 departments:

Oct 2019	Course
93	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
36	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
74	Lab safety for Veterinary Medicine students
12	NIH Guidelines
73	Hazardous waste training
5	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
37	Universal waste handling
13	Formaldehyde safety
10	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
217	General laboratory safety
3	Controlled substances
46	Animal handler safety
44	Noise and hearing conservation
15	Respirator training/fit testing
30	Respirator for comfort only
4	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
5	Asbestos awareness
88	Fire extinguisher
1	Forklift operator
4	Hazard Communication booklet review
55	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
4	Golf cart/utility vehicle
15	Office and general safety
2	Bone densitometer
2	Initial isotope user
2	Isotope user refresher
3	Laser safety
1	Nuclear gauge training
1	Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher
5	X-ray machine safety

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the red emergency phones on campus. We covered the history of them and how they were originally implemented at OSU. All new buildings are designated to have them in general purpose rooms and classrooms. We talked about what the practice is for labs that don't have any cell reception and whether they should have red emergency phones or not. It has been determined that it is on the individual departments to provide an emergency response option. Whether that is a panic button, an emergency phone, or some other communication device.

Next meeting: on Nov 20th, NOT Nov 27th due to the holiday break.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119