

**University Health and Safety Committee**  
**Date of Meeting:** October 28, 2020 / Zoom  
**Time:** 2:30 – 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Martha Adams, Okan Agirseven, Laura Beaver, Carrie Burkholder, Bill Callender, Chandra Char, Marcia Dickson, Tom Doyle, Keith Foster, Sam Gras (Chair), Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan, Mike Mayers, Jon-Michael McDaniel, Jennifer McKay, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Linda Nye, Jim Patton, Marcus Silkman

Guests in Attendance:

Eric Cardella, Youth Safety and Compliance Director, supports youth programs, child care services. Child care centers are operating, and there are some new temporary child care locations on campus. There is also a new child care site at Cascades Campus.

Lori Hodgert, Strand Hall, supports the building manager. Lori is the Covid Care Ambassador (CCA) for the College of Agricultural Sciences students. CCAs offer resources and support to students.

Jason Dalrymple, UHDS, 10 year employee. Jason is the Fire/Life safety rep for the department. The Covid response is going well with residence halls so far, better than anticipated. This required lots of planning and talking with other Pac-12 groups.

John Deuel, Recycling Manager, PCC. John recruits and trains around 40 part-time employees in surplus. Safety is a priority. Surplus has been able to keep operations going, and have been safe so far.

Elizabeth Thomas, Safety Contact for Ag Education and General Agriculture.

**1. Call to Order –Agenda**

Meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm.

Committee members introduced themselves to the guests. Some quick updates and discussion on recent happenings (gas leak, DAS/resumption plans, Covid, suspicious person on campus.). Guests introduced themselves.

**2. September 2020 – Minutes Consideration and Approval**

Motion to approve by Laura, seconded by Heidi. September 2020 minutes approved.

**3. Recent and Ongoing Business**

3.1 Safety Walks (Kay M) –submit completed Excel file in UHSC Box

Kay is working on getting Research Way facilities added to maps for the 2021 walks.

3.2 Continued discussion of 2020 fire and smoke season

No further discussion

**4. Accident & Inspection Reports**

4.1 Accident Reports – prior month (Heidi)

Heidi reviewed the accident report for the guests; described different types of claims, what information is included, etc. Heidi has noted that there have been fewer accidents overall this summer

and fall. There were several new claims this month though. We typically see more incidents involving field work in the summer. In general, there are a lot of incidents in UHDS/dining due to number of people and the type of work, however they are generally minor. There have been some issues with people working from home due to Covid restrictions. Employees need to make sure their home workspaces are ergonomic, etc. Supervisors should remind people how to work safely at home. Supervisors need to check in to verify good work stations, and keep asking/checking on employees.

Carrie was surprised to hear about the incident with the bee sting and anaphylactic shock. May need a better suit, especially when the individual is allergic to bees. Carrie will follow up and report further next month. There are poisonous animals/plants in Oregon that people need to be aware of. Heidi puts items in OSU Today regarding topical/timely safety issues (spring/summer outdoor work for example).

#### 4.2 Fire Safety Inspections are posted in Box (Jim Patton)

Jim Patton – fire evacuation drills are being planned as required by code. A process map is being worked on; the Registrar's Office and EOA need to be involved to be sure all parties are aware and participating. Feedback from the UHSC will be requested once the document is more firmed up. Jim is trying to determine how to best go about fire drills with the least interruption. Dan will reroute the document to the committee. Will want to hear from committee members about their facility in particular. Dan will try to negotiate regarding unannounced drills, particularly in research buildings. The Student Health Center does two planned plus one unannounced drill per year. Now EHS has more staff to be able to conduct the drills, and are developing a program within OSU (rather than via the Corvallis Fire Department).

#### 4.3 Facilities Monthly Life/ Safety Work Orders/ Report (Facilities Services)

- Cordley Hall had an emergency eyewash with low pressure - corrected
- Bus stop near Kerr with broken glass – cleaned up
- Lab Animal Resources reported a smoke smell – determined to be from outside
- Irrigation tripping hazard Peavy Intramural field – fixed

#### 4.4 On-Call Log / Report of Unsafe Conditions (EHS)

No reports for the past month

### 5. Updates and New Business

#### 5.1 Pandemic and Resumption

Cases of Covid in Europe is starting to get really bad again. Oregon is doing OK for now, but new cases are increasing.

#### 5.2. New International Travel Location Assessment Tool

Official OSU business involving international travel needs to go through Sam. Contact him prior to planning any international travel for work. Sam developed a new tool for determining risk factors throughout the world (pandemic travel risk). The information will be updated every two weeks. Sam is able to develop a pandemic risk estimate for any country.

5.3 Campus recycling has taken on a role with loading docks throughout campus (not a funded responsibility). Have done training on compactors, now training program assistants on a program for use by department personnel in buildings with loading docks to train others in safe loading dock use. This training was developed with help from Mabelle Bamberger and Tom Doyle in EHS. Recycling

pretty much knows where loading docks are on campus. The definition of “loading dock” is nebulous. There seem to be frequent issues with accidents/incidents at loading docks (loading/unloading). Compactors add to the risk. Send information to John Deuel for incorporation in program. Will run the procedure through EHS.

5.4 Discussion of how indoor mask usage is being enforced. Chandra was disturbed to see that several Student Health Center workers were not wearing masks when she visited, as they are not only required but particularly important in that setting. Workers there should be setting the example. Martha was very surprised to hear masks were not being worn; SHC workers are supposed to report others; Martha will follow up. OSU has Covid policies. There is a policy, but enforcement is not clear. Linda said to reach out to HR contacts about others not wearing masks. Take issue to department head, then to HR. Mask-wearing, and paths of travel are separate issues (policy vs recommendation). Paths of travel within buildings are negotiable with department head and/or building manager.

Emergency preparedness training – students need to know. Kay will contact Mike Bamberger about making sure students get the information.

## 6. Safety Training: Upcoming/ Planned/ Updates

6.1 Submit upcoming/completed training information/records to Kay for recordkeeping

6.2 In October, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 91 departments:

| October 2020 | Course   |
|--------------|--|
| 88           | Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety                |
| 107          | Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers                 |
| 11           | Bloodborne pathogen awareness                            |
| 10           | Bloodborne pathogen overview                             |
| 9            | Biosafety cabinets                                       |
| 0            | NIH guidelines   |
| 18           | Infection control  |
| 21           | Hazardous waste  |
| 0            | Hazardous materials shipping awareness                   |
| 4            | Universal waste handling                                 |
| 11           | Autoclave safety   |
| 2            | Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers                 |
| 1            | Formaldehyde safety                                      |
| 117          | General laboratory safety                                |
| 0            | Controlled substances                                    |
| 14           | Fume hood safety   |
| 8            | Liquid nitrogen safety                                   |
| 10           | Animal handler safety                                    |
| 13           | Noise and hearing conservation                           |
| 14           | Respirator training/fit test                             |
| 1            | Acknowledgement of safety rules and emergency procedures |
| 0            | Asbestos awareness                                       |
| 1            | Back safety and injury prevention                        |

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| 2  | Behavior-based safety program                 |
| 18 | Compressed gas cylinder safety                |
| 32 | Cold, flu & transmissible illness prevention  |
| 3  | Crane and hoist safety                        |
| 3  | Confined space                                |
| 44 | Covid-19 masks, coverings and respirators     |
| 6  | Electrical safety                             |
| 11 | Eyewash and emergency showers                 |
| 2  | Farm electrical safety                        |
| 1  | Field research safety                         |
| 14 | Fire extinguishers                            |
| 25 | Flu season                                    |
| 0  | Forklift                                      |
| 43 | Hand washing                                  |
| 25 | Globally harmonized system/Hazcomm/SDS        |
| 0  | Golf cart/utility vehicle                     |
| 0  | Hearing protection awareness                  |
| 1  | Incident investigation                        |
| 0  | Industrial ergonomics overview                |
| 9  | Ladder safety                                 |
| 8  | Lock-out/tag-out                              |
| 3  | Machine guarding                              |
| 10 | Office and general safety                     |
| 59 | Pandemic – slowing the spread                 |
| 1  | Respiratory protection overview               |
| 1  | Scaffold safety                               |
| 2  | Silica hazards overview                       |
| 1  | Stormwater management program                 |
| 2  | Wastewater management program                 |
| 1  | Initial isotope user training                 |
| 3  | Isotope user refresher                        |
| 3  | Laser safety                                  |
| 2  | Sealed radiation source training or refresher |
| 1  | X-ray safety                                  |

## 7. Other business

There are still six safety walks incomplete. Try to get them complete before the next meeting. Food delivery robots are exciting and new. Last week delivered 100 orders in one day.

## 8. Action items

- Kay is working on getting Research Way facilities added to maps for the 2021 walks.
- Carrie will follow up on the bee sting incident and report further next month.
- Dan will reroute the fire drill procedure document to the committee.
- Kay will contact Mike Bamberger about making sure students get the information.
- Six safety walks need to be completed before November's UHSC meeting

**Next Meeting Date / Venue:** 2:30 pm November 18, 2020 / Zoom (Note early date due to Thanksgiving holiday)

Adjourned at 4:00 pm