



Oregon State University

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

September 25, 2019

Milam 119, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Okan Agirseven, Laura Beaver, Marcia Dickson, Tom Doyle (alt), Bryan Feyerherm (alt), Keith Foster, Samuel Gras, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan, Mike Mayers, Heidi Melton (Chair), Kay Miller, Jim Patton, Debi Rothermund (alt), Marcus Silkman, Brian Stroup, Tarrigon Van Denburg, Rachel Ziegler

Members Absent: Tim Borgen, Carrie Burkholder, Chandra Char, Barbara Lerwick (alt), Ariel Leshchinsky, Denis Looney, Jon-Michael McDaniel, Jennifer McKay, Christina McKnight (alt), Ryan Mitchell

Guest Present: Brian Lilley, EH&S

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the August 28 meeting were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

- Safety Recognition and Awards – the Qualtrics has been posted to the EH&S website. Notice will be in OSU Today soon.
- Policy Review – No new information available.
- Stephanie has access to the safety walk reports and will begin generating work orders as appropriate.
- UHSC goals on hold until safety policy is finalized.

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.

Jim introduced Brian Lilley as OSU's fire inspector. Changes in the fire/life safety program are intended to increase the rate of compliance. Follow-ups will be more aggressive and more return visits will be conducted. A new position (replacing three student positions) is being filled. The new person will be in charge of fire extinguishers and AEDs. Jim has purchased some new fire extinguisher training equipment. Corvallis Fire Department may still do some inspections (they are proposing to do 1/3 of OSU's inspections). Jim and Brian are in charge of all campus fire prevention activities.

There is a problem with being able to hear the fire alarm on the fourth floor (in the clean room)

due to noise in the lab. Tarrigon will follow up with Jim to discuss the decibel level and possibly adding a strobe.

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE/SAFETY WORK ORDERS

- An exterior light at Wilkinson Hall was repaired.
- A burning odor at Kerr fifth floor was investigated; no action taken.
- Owen Hall fire alarm sounded; CFD responded. The fire detector was replaced. Alarm may have been triggered by construction work.
- Cement grinding was performed at the tennis pavilion sidewalk.
- Ten to twelve blue lights were tested and were being repaired as needed.
- There was an odor complaint at Plageman; unknown cause.

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

- Most reports involved odors
- Richardson fire system testing was being performed which required turning off the air handling system, including fume hoods.
- EH&S is working toward inspecting shops on an annual basis.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In September, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 72 departments:

Sept 2019	Course
42	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
130	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
5	NIH Guidelines
160	Hazardous waste training
7	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
36	Universal waste handling
12	Formaldehyde safety
13	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
301	General laboratory safety (now includes Hazwaste & SDS)
5	Controlled substances
41	Animal handler safety
19	Noise and hearing conservation
14	Respirator training/fit testing
6	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
5	Asbestos awareness
59	Fire extinguisher
2	Forklift operator
4	Hazard Communication booklet review
148	Globally harmonized system/HazCom/SDS
2	Golf cart/utility vehicle
20	Office and general safety
2	Initial isotope user

1	Isotope user refresher
1	Laser safety
13	Nuclear gauge training
9	Sealed radioactive source orientation/refresher
5	X-ray machine safety

Library threat assessment – discussion led by Bryan Feyerherm and Rachel Ziegler

On June 4, at 12:00 pm, a threatening note was found on a whiteboard in the library. The Department of Public Safety was immediately notified. An alert to campus was sent out at 1:30 pm. Approximately 1000 people were in the building at the time. The fire alarm was not used so that exits could be better controlled. Two people were assigned to each floor to clear the building. Several departments were involved. The building was cleared within six minutes.

Items left behind were identified and boxed for individuals to claim later. Notes were left in the location the items were found.

A survey of library staff after the event indicated that communication could have been better. Most received information only through the OSU Alert, and they wanted more information.

Normal evacuation locations were not appropriate for the event, so safe locations needed to be identified. Some building occupants had earphones in and did not hear the announcements. Staff did a great job, and were happy with how smoothly things went. Mike Bamberger helped set up a Library only alert system contact tree for staff (not including student employees).

Generic scripts have been created for various situations for PA system announcements. Signage for emergency exit doors indicating where you are (north, south, etc.) will be installed. Alternative evacuation sites are being identified. Oregon State Police asked for volunteers to assist in searching the building. Staff may not be assigned to do this, but may volunteer. A quick reference guide flow chart is being developed.

One person noted that “You all seemed so calm, we didn’t think it was real.”

People re-entering the building is a common problem.

Rachel and Bryan are willing to share their experience with other departments. It would be pertinent to areas with many people, such as the MU, Dixon Recreation Center, athletic events, etc. Rachel has put a pdf document in the UHSC box that discusses the event and response.

ANNUAL REPORT

A draft of the 2018-19 annual report of UHSC activities is in the UHSC box. Members are encouraged to review the document and forward comments to Kay.

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

A faculty member working alone on a Sunday fell from a ladder and hit his head on a hand truck. Fortunately there were other faculty members in the building at the time. People need to be reminded to take extra care when working on the weekends or otherwise alone.

A student was injured when canyoneering, and it was unclear whether they were an employee or not (they were a student intern, unpaid, doing the activity for credit).

NEW BUSINESS

Rachel will be leaving the university at the end of October.

The vehicle use and transportation policy draft does not appear to include electric bikes, scooters or skateboards. Heidi will look into the matter.

Stephanie will follow up on blue lights – how often they are tested, and how often they are used.

Kay reported that safety training through the Bridge platform is fully in place. Bugs are still being worked out, but overall users seem happy with the content.

Okan noted some doors in Weniger that are extremely difficult to open. The problem needs to be reported to Facilities Services for repair.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Milam 119