

**University Health and Safety Committee**  
**Date of Meeting:** January 27, 2021 / Zoom  
**Time:** 2:30 – 3:25 pm  
**Location:** REMOTE

**Attendees:** Martha Adams, Okan Agirseven, Laura Beaver, Rachel Burgess, Carrie Burkholder, Bill Callender, Chandra Char, Keith Foster, Sam Gras, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Jim Patton, Marcus Silkman, Tarrigon Van Denburg

**Guest in attendance:** Dave Adams, SAIF

**1. Call to Order** –Agenda

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

Motion to approve December minutes by Rachel; seconded by Bill. Approved

**3. Recent and Ongoing Business**

3.1 Safety Walks (2020 Report and 2021 Assignments)

2021 walks should be completed prior to fall term (end of August). Stephanie will do the route around the Western building. Kay will add a route to cover the buildings on Research Way.

**4. Accident & Inspection Reports**

4.1 Accident Reports

It was noted that there have not been too many laboratory incidents, which is good. Information is tracked by department, not location.

The committee discussed whether working from home is adding to/lowering the accident rate. Heidi reported that there have only been a few ergonomic issues. Departments are encouraged to prevent injuries with pre-planning and proper equipment. Trips and falls are fairly common. Accidents while working from home are a little trickier. Employers should have the right to review workspaces to be sure their workers are safe. Workers need to identify and address hazards. Some employers have home visit protocols in place.

4.2 Fire Safety Inspections

There was an article in OSU Today on winter home safety. Most campus buildings are pretty quiet right now. Fire and Life Safety is conducting business as usual; inspections are being done on schedule. No incidents have occurred. Jim is working on some new policies for hot work and fire drills. Drills will not be instated until building occupancies are back to normal.

4.3 Facilities Monthly Life/ Safety Work Orders/ Report  
 Smoke alarm – was accidentally set off by a contractor  
 Facilities Services provided assistance at the annual fire drill at Bates Hall  
 Eyewash station at Gilbert was repaired  
 Lots of batteries in fire doors are being replaced

4.4 On-Call Log / Report of Any Unsafe Conditions  
 Gas odor outside Magruder Hall – after investigation, no leak was found

**5. Updates and New Business**

5.1 Pandemic and Resumption Updates  
 Goal for this new year, continue with what we’re currently doing. Many people are experiencing “Pandemic fatigue.”

5.1.1. OSU’s [Exposure Risk Assessment and Infection Control Plan](#) provided for information.

5.2 Hazardous Driving Conditions  
 Discussion regarding whether we are getting enough information and in a timely manner, who puts out the information, and who makes the decision when to notify the campus community. Although this is under Emergency Management’s purview, the UHSC can encourage supervisors to check in with their workers and prepare people ahead of time.

5.3 Unauthorized entry into buildings was brought to the committee’s attention. Sam will ask Jon-Michael or the new head of Campus Policy to give a short presentation. Bring questions, have him talk about the new Campus Police force.

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

6.1 Submit upcoming/completed training information/records to Kay for recordkeeping.  
 6.2 Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings in January, 2021, which involved 85 departments.

January 2021	Course
24	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
6	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
6	Bloodborne pathogen awareness
3	Bloodborne pathogen overview
5	Biosafety cabinets
9	NIH guidelines
12	Infection control
14	Hazardous waste
5	Hazardous materials shipping awareness

11	Universal waste handling
7	Autoclave safety
9	Laboratory compressed gas safety
5	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
15	Formaldehyde safety
162	General laboratory safety
0	Controlled substances
7	Fume hood safety
6	Liquid nitrogen safety
29	Animal handler safety
11	Noise and hearing conservation
12	Respirator training/fit test (incl 2 PAPR)
1	Acknowledgement of safety rules and emergency procedures
5	Asbestos awareness
1	Back safety and injury prevention
1	Behavior-based safety program
4	Compressed gas cylinder safety (non-lab)
20	Cold, flu & transmissible illness prevention
2	Crane and hoist safety
2	Confined space
39	Covid-19 masks, coverings and respirators
3	Electrical safety
9	Eyewash and emergency showers
2	Fall protection
2	Farm electrical safety
3	Field research safety
32	Fire extinguishers
14	Flu season
5	Forklift
25	Hand washing
33	Globally harmonized system/Hazcomm/SDS
0	Golf cart/utility vehicle
1	Hearing protection awareness
1	Incident investigation
1	Industrial ergonomics overview
4	Ladder safety
1	Lead awareness
4	Lock-out/tag-out
1	Introduction to Loading Dock Safety
2	Machine guarding
9	Office and general safety
72	Pandemic – slowing the spread

2	Respiratory protection overview
1	Scaffold safety
2	Silica hazards overview
1	Stormwater management program
1	Wastewater management program
1	Initial isotope user training
2	Isotope user refresher
8	Laser safety
2	Sealed radiation source training or refresher
2	X-ray safety

## 7. Agenda Item(s) for Next Meeting

7.1 Dan met with Director of Compliance, Chris Viggiani about the overarching Safety Policy. The committee needs to move toward consolidating safety policies. A scheduled should be laid out for reviewing safety policies. Many will be moved to unit-level rules. Dan will send a proposed schedule to Sam and Kay. Policies will be reviewed by the entire committee. Subcommittee can be formed as needed. Generally, one policy will be reviewed per month. Some policies are owned by other groups (Biological Safety Committee, Chemical Safety Committee, Radiation Safety Committee).

Annual report for 2019-2020 – Kay will post draft report in the UHSC box for review prior to the next meeting.

Annual training for UHSC members – Kay will provide safety committee member training.

Sam reminded the committee to stay focused on the mission of the university and the committee. Check in with others. Stay optimistic.

Dixon Recreation Center is operating under modified operations. Check-out equipment is available for outdoor recreation and field use. Awaiting further instructions from the governor's office. Hoping to soon have restricted access to the facility. They are also providing some spaces for athletic teams to practice. Staff are offering consultations regarding infection control planning for various activities, which EHS also does.

The committee briefly talked about how the food delivery robots will behave when students return to campus and there are more obstacles.

**Adjourned at 3:25 pm**

**Next Meeting Date / Venue:** 2:30 pm, February 24, 2021 / Zoom