



**University Health and Safety Committee**

**Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** March 24, 2021

**Time:** 2:30 – 3:25 pm

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Attendees:** Laura Beaver, Rachel Burgess, Chandra Char, Marcia Dickson, Tom Doyle, Keith Foster, Sam Gras, Stephanie Harrison, Dan Kermoyan, Jon-Michael McDaniel, Heidi Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Linda Nye, Marcus Silkman, Tarrigon Van Denburg

**Guest present:** Dave Adams, SAIF

**1. Call to Order –Agenda**

**2. February 2021 – Minutes Consideration and Approval**

Motion to approve February minutes with by Heidi; seconded by Marcia. February, 2021 minutes approved.

**3. Recent and Ongoing Business**

**3.1 Policy Review**

Dan noted that he intended to have an edited draft of policy 102. Heidi, Marcus, Mike B and Dan will go over five policies (102, 201, 203, 204, and 207) that are interwoven. Chris Viggiani suggests that most SAF policies will be converted to Unit-level Rules or Procedures. Where those will sit is undetermined at this point. Probably on EH&S's website; possibly in an EHS policy/procedure manual.

**3.2 General discussion**

Staff are beginning to plan for fall resumption of classes. EH&S will be having eyes on campus for compliance (masks, signs, etc.). Maybe UHSC can help with that. Department/Unit Safety Coordinators (DUSC) might also be able to assist, with training from EH&S. Generally, staff and building managers are responsible for safety assessments. Cleaning is required every 12 hours in areas occupied > 8 or 10 hours/day. Labs must be cleaned by lab personnel. Offices will probably need to be cleaned by occupants (high-touch areas especially). Resumption kits are available and will be distributed prior to resumption. Ben Wessel is in charge of that program. More information on resumption will be available in the next few weeks. How are front line workers determined? Contact

the Research office and/or the Covid-19 Continuity Management Team (CMT) or Jen Humphreys (Student Affairs).

#### **4. Accident & Inspection Reports**

##### 4.1 Accident Reports

- Sharp knife training – how to manage using an exposed blade, is training available? Many of the cut injuries are occurring in UHDS/MU food service, but x-acto knives and box cutters are involved also. Dave Adams will send resources to Dan and Heidi. Marcus and Dan are working on investigating such injuries and reducing the occurrences. Heidi will share resources via OSU Today.
- An individual was found on the ground near a ladder, but does not remember whether they were on the ladder or not, and whether they blacked out prior to the apparent fall. It has not been determined whether the accident lead to a health condition or if a health condition lead to the injury. The investigation is ongoing.
- An employee was injured when standing on a benchtop in a greenhouse and twisting their body to perform work. The department will store items in a better location to reduce the need to lift/push/pull items. People need to take care with what they climb on.
- Hand injury leading to an infection; worker was not wearing gloves.
- From last month – there were injuries due to glasses fogging up because of wearing masks. Will OSU provide anti-fog treatments for glasses? There is anti-fog spray for glasses available through Chem Stores.

##### 4.2 Fire Safety Inspections

- Reminder to review fire drill procedure and send comments to Jim by the end of the month. Jim is particularly interested in hearing from lab managers as to how drills will impact them.
- Gas storage is being looked at through the fire and life safety program; they will be looking at room ventilation. There is an ongoing program to look at each lab and report back to the Corvallis Fire Department. Inert gases with the potential to displace oxygen is of most interest.

##### 4.3 Facilities Monthly Life/ Safety Work Orders/ Report

- Odor investigation at Kerr for an exhaust smell – caused by landscapers doing tree trimming near building.
- Chirping sound from Moreland was determined to be an AED, EH&S was notified.

##### 4.4 On-Call Log / Report of Any Unsafe Conditions

- A generator at ALS began leaking; it has been repaired and the spill was cleaned up.

#### **5. Updates and New Business**

##### 5.1 Claims Data Pivot Table

- Mike Bamberger used data provided by Heidi to develop some pivot tables on accidents and incidents. This includes data from SAIF claims since January 1, 2017. Figures may change over

time due to reserves and how they are used or there may be claims for prior years. Claims can carry on for ten years, and it is possible for costs to be incurred after a claim is closed. The figures should be used more as comparisons and a general idea of costs. Cost is not a good indicator of the severity of an injury. Heidi will ask Mike to prepare charts for comparing numbers. This is the type of information we need in order to determine where we need to focus our efforts in safety. Finance and Administration is working on metrics to determine how we're doing as a university. Look at top losses (most common injuries, most costly injuries, highest number per department, etc.). Have there been adjustments due to increased student enrollment/more employees? Dave Adams will send additional information.

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

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

6.2 In March, 2021, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety trainings, which involved 91 departments.

March 2021	Course
16	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
3	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
9	Bloodborne pathogen awareness
5	Bloodborne pathogen overview
3	Biosafety cabinets
2	NIH guidelines
19	Infection control
14	Hazardous waste
3	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
10	Universal waste handling
15	Autoclave safety
5	Laboratory compressed gas safety
6	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
12	Formaldehyde safety
182	General laboratory safety
2	Controlled substances
5	Fume hood safety
5	Liquid nitrogen safety
20	Animal handler safety
10	Noise and hearing conservation
12	Respirator training/fit test (includes 3 PAPR + 2 SCBA)
1	Acknowledgement of safety rules and emergency procedures
4	Compressed gas cylinder safety (non-lab)
20	Cold, flu & transmissible illness prevention
2	Crane and hoist safety
1	Confined space
437	Covid-19 masks, coverings and respirators

1	Driver safety
2	Earthquake preparedness
2	Electrical safety
6	Eyewash and emergency showers
2	Fall protection
0	Farm electrical safety
2	Field research safety
21	Fire extinguishers
18	Flu season
3	Forklift overview
22	Hand washing
18	Globally harmonized system/Hazcomm/SDS
1	Hot work
5	Ladder safety
0	Lead awareness
0	Loading dock safety introduction
0	Lock-out/tag-out
1	Machine guarding
6	Office and general safety
53	Pandemic – slowing the spread
1	Isotope user refresher
1	Laser safety
1	Sealed radiation source training or refresher
4	X-ray safety

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

### 7.1 Open for Suggestions

**Next Meeting Date / Venue:** 2:30 pm, April 28, 2021 / Zoom